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Between these covers are assembled the parts of the Genealogy of the early generations of the Knowles Family of Massachusetts which appeared in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register from July 1925 to July 1926.

A vast amount of materials were gathered which could not be used in this article. These will be carefully preserved against the day when some member of the family financially able to do so may think worth while to make possible a book worthy of the name of Knowles.

While I cannot undertake letter writing before the time comes, I shall be glad to receive additional materials to be placed with the collection to be printed when the happy day may come.

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### THE KNOWLES FAMILY OF EASTHAM, MASS.

By CHARLES THORNTON LIBBY, Esq., of Portland, Me.

It is the purpose of this article to present in genealogical form the facts that have been brought to light about Richard Knowles, mariner, of Eastham,\* and his descendants to the fourth and fifth generations.

This genealogy is based on the genealogies of Eastham families collected and compiled by Mr. Stanley Webster Smith of Boston and South Orleans, with the coöperation of the late Mr. Josiah Paine of Harwich. The collection begun many years ago by Rev. William C. Knowles of Haddam, Conn., and the collection of Mr. Arthur T. Knowles of Brooklyn, N. Y., as well as numerous single lines traced by interested descendants, were also placed at the disposal of the compiler of the present article.

The name of Knowles or Knollys was pretty well distributed over England by the time New England was settled. Besides the six unconnected emigrants who multiplied the name here, there were others of the name in New England who are known only from passenger lists, and also two clergymen, who soon went back to England, not to mention "Mr. Knowies," or "Rowles," the Indian sagamore

\*All places mentioned in this genealogy are situated within the present limits of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unless another State or region is indicated in the text or may be easily inferred from the context.





at South Berwick, Me. Rev. John Knowles of Watertown and Rev. Hansard Knollys\* of Dover, N. H., after their return to England, made great names and fame for themselves, and to their careers pages are still devoted in the current biographical dictionaries. Those who multiplied the name in New England, besides Richard of Eastham, whose descendants largely outnumber the combined descendants of all the others, were Capt. Robert of Charlestown, John of Hampton, N. H., Henry of Portsmouth, R. I.,† Thomas of New Haven, Conn., and Mr. Alexander of Fairfield, Conn., the last named a councillor in the New Haven Colonial government.

Capt. Robert Knowles, whose gravestone stands at Charlestown, died of smallpox 2 Apr. 1703, ae. 36. He first appears as a prisoner on a pirate ship in 1691, and was then called of Barbados, boat-swain. Later he had married a Charlestown heiress and was half owner and master of the ketch *Mary* of Barbados. His wife was Katherine Graves (a granddaughter of Richard Russell, Esq.), whose mother, after the death of her husband, Nathaniel Graves, married Capt. John Herbert of Reading. Capt. Robert and Katherine (Graves) Knowles had three children: Elizabeth, born 27 July 1695, who married John Stanley, Robert, born 18 Apr. 1700, who died early, and Graves, born 14 May 1702. Mrs. Katherine Knowles married in 1702 Calvin Galpin, and after his death she was a licensed retailer in Boston. Her son, Graves Knowles, served on the eastern frontier as armorer, under Colonel Westbrook. He married in 1730 Ann Rayner, and may have been married previously. No other father is known for the Richard Knowles who married in Boston, 2 Oct. 1749, Mary Pines; and no prior appearance, if not this Richard, is known for the Richard Knowles who married at Topsham, Me. (intention recorded at Brunswick, Me., 27 Oct. 1755), Mary Orr. This last Richard was in the eastern service in the French and Indian War. He deposed in 1794, aged 76, that he was at Brunswick on the Androscoggin in 1742. He may have been an immigrant, as many of his neighbors were. In his will, proved at Pownalborough, Me., in 1798, he names his son Richard and four daughters, Margaret Skolfield, Mary Le Roys, Susannah Hot [i.e., Holt], and Rebecca Blair, the daughters Mary and Susannah being evidently the Mary and Suzanna Knowles whose parentage was sought in 1895 by the writer of a Note in the REGISTER (vol. 49, pp. 75-76), which should be consulted for further information about them and their descendants.

The oft-printed statement that a Richard Knowles died at Hampton, N. H., started with somebody's misplacement of memoranda; for it was not Richard who died at Hampton 1 Feb. 1682, but James, a sixteen-year-old son of John Knowles of that town.

Mrs. Schenck's "History of Fairfield [Conn.]," vol. 1, p. 392,

\*The name of the so-called "Bay Land," now in the town of Eliot, Me., has been variously explained. When Rev. Hansard Knollys was returning to England, Massachusetts bought his land purchase in Maine, and it continued to be owned "in the Bay," i.e., around Boston, for many years, until finally it was sold to a local syndicate of five purchasers, who divided it up, all five of them making their homesteads on it.

†A manuscript genealogy of the descendants of Henry Knowles of Portsmouth, R. I., the work of the late Mrs. Sarah Knowles Bolton, is in the hands of her son, Mr. Charles Knowles Bolton, Librarian of the Boston Athenæum.





states: "Richard Knowles was in F[airfield] as early as 1649." His name, however, is not in the New Haven Colony Records, and there are only two Fairfield record books as early as 1649. An expert from the New Haven Colony Historical Society has examined these books without finding the name of Richard Knowles. Light statements have been made that he was son of Rev. John Knowles, that he came from Lancashire, England, that he came from co. Kent, England, and that he emigrated in his own ship. While only one or two of these statements are impossible, none of them has been traced to an early enough source to be worthy of regard. If possibly this name, "Richard Knowles," was not due to a misreading of some other name in the ancient handwriting, or did not indicate merely a business call of Richard Knowles, coastwise trader, at Fairfield, the presence of the names Alexander and Richard in the same locality would encourage an investigation of the landed Knowles family of Quarlton, co. Lancaster, England, in which the name Richard prevailed and Alexander occurred. But the names of Richard and Thomas also were recurrent in a Visitation family of Knowles of Stanford in Berkshire.

1. RICHARD<sup>1</sup> KNOWLES, of Plymouth and later of Eastham, in the Plymouth Colony, shipmaster, the progenitor of the family which forms the subject of this genealogy, first appears in New England records at Plymouth, 2 Jan. 1637/8, and died probably between 1670 and 1675, for he was one of the surveyors of highways at Eastham in 1670 but probably did not outlive either his son John, who was slain by Indians near Taunton 3 June 1675, or his son James, the inventory of whose estate was dated 10 Oct. 1678, the father's name not appearing in connection with their estates. He married, 15 Aug. 1639, RUTH BOWER, daughter of George and Barbara Bower of Plymouth and sister of Rev. John Bower ("Bowers" in the Harvard Quinquennial Catalogue), A.B. (Harvard, 1649), who died in 1687.\*

\*Mr. George<sup>1</sup> Bower (or Bowers), planter, was early at Scituate in the Plymouth Colony, where he was freeman 7 Mar. 1636/7 and a town officer. By the spring of 1639 he had removed to Plymouth, and on 5 Mar. 1638/9 was elected constable for the whole of that town, although he did not sell his lands at Scituate or buy at Plymouth until 1640. He purchased lands at Ele River of Governor Winslow, who reserved the right of repurchase in part in case he should himself decide to settle there. He was soon complained of for not allowing the passage of cattle, and a committee was appointed to lay out ways through his land where they would be least prejudicial to him. In 1640 "John Barnes and George Bower," Richard Knowles's nearest neighbor and his father-in-law, were given charge of procuring timber for the new Colony jail. In Jan. 1641/2 a dozen or more Plymouth men contracted for building a barque on shares, a sixteenth part each to Mr. William Bradford, John Atwood, George Bower, Edward Bangs, and others. But George Bower soon removed to Cambridge, apparently for the education of his sons. His wife Barbara died at Cambridge 25 Mar. 1644, his son Matthew died there 30 Jan. 1644/5, and his son John was graduated at the college in 1649. On 15 Apr. 1649 George Bower married at Cambridge Elizabeth Worthington, who after his death married again at Cambridge, 25 June 1657, Henry Bowtell. On 31 May 1652 he was called before the Court for voting when not a freeman of this [the Massachusetts Bay] Colony. In his will, dated 8 Nov. and proved 30 Dec. 1656, he did not mention his daughter Ruth Knowles, but bequeathed to his wife, his sons Benanuel, John, and Jerathmeel, and his young daughters, Patience and Silence. His son Benanuel married at Cambridge, 9 Dec. 1653, Elizabeth Dunster. His son Jerathmeel, a child by his second wife, was born at Cambridge 2 May 1650.

Rev. John<sup>2</sup> Bowers (George's) was schoolmaster at Plymouth and later (1653-1660) at New Haven, whither he went on the invitation of Governor Eaton. He afterwards taught in other towns in Connecticut, and preached at Branford, 1667-1672/3, where one of his daughters married and remained and where Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> Knowles (7) settled, the first of the Knowles family of Cape Cod to remove to Connecticut. From Branford Mr. Bowers removed to Derby, Conn., where he was







[ Please paste this insert facing p. 288 — July, 1925 — of the NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER. It is one of the Additions and Corrections written for my Knowles article running in Numbers 315-319 of this magazine, but was rejected by the Editor at the request of Mr. Bartlett, who is a member of the Committee on Publication. Mr. Bartlett having taken occasion to tell a valued friend of mine that he had decided that Ruth (Bower) Knowles was George Bower's sister, instead of daughter, I gave him a copy of this "Addition and Correction" in support of my judgment, subject to revision after consultation with him, and had my answer through the Editor. C. T. L. ]

For additional Bowers matter, see the end of the Knowles article in the July, 1926, number of THE REGISTER.

#### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Vol. 79, page 288, line 29, Ruth Bower. Mr. J. Gardner Bartlett formerly expressed the opinion that Ruth (Bower) Knowles was more likely a sister than a daughter of George and Barbara Bower. His reasons were that she seemed too old to be his daughter, and that she is not named in his will. The finding of the marriage record of George Bower and Barbara Smyth at Braithwell, Yorkshire, 9 Feb. 1614-5, has satisfied Mr. Bartlett as regards his first reason, but his second reason still makes him think that she may have been a niece. Evidently experience with early New England probate practice has developed a different basis of judgment in Mr. Bartlett's mind and my own — perhaps due partly to some difference in the professional bias of architects and lawyers. Back of the probate practice was the custom of making a daughter's "marriage portion" her whole share in her father's estate, so that she was to inherit nothing more at his death. "What care I how black I be, £20 will marry me. If twenty won't, then forty shall . . . ." Hundreds of early wills provide portions for unmarried daughters, with trifling sums or mere mention for daughters who had received their "portion" at marriage. Many other wills, less elaborately drawn but with no different legal effect, do not mention daughters, or even sons, who in fact had already had their share. The statute of 1692, providing that all the children shall share "other than such children who shall have any estate by settlement of the Intestate in his lifetime equal to the others' shares," introduced nothing new, but was merely declarative of the existing practice. It was a common thing for a father to keep a lifetime book of accounts in which was entered every item of value that each son or daughter received from youth up. Instances to illustrate this could be multiplied indefinitely, but two must suffice. Mass. Archives, Vol. 17, No. 423, in the estate of John Hayward, 12 Dec. 1710, shows an item added to the inventory, "What the several children of the said deceased have received from their father in his lifetime in money and movables amounts to £227:10:6," and against the footing: "The whole to be divided amongst the children of the deceased amounts to the sum of £1098:3:10." Also Plymouth Probate, Vol. 8, fo. 74. Inventory of the estate of James Latham "and of all he did settle upon his children in his lifetime," including as one item, "To Daniel Johnson & wife fifty pounds in cash." In this case the distribution ordered by the court excluded several of the children from any share. There would be great satisfaction in finding the baptisms of the Bower children in England, but in view of the fact that about half of such records have perished, not to mention the difficulty of finding such as survive, it seems a pity to withhold any conclusions from records existing in this country that sound antiquarian judgment will warrant. In the case in hand we have a complete picture of coöperating father and daughter up to the point that the mother had died and the aged father married a young wife; then the normal divergence. The incidental indications fulfill in several respects what we would look for in such a state of facts, without any conflicting circumstances. By juxtaposition it is worth noting that only one of George Bower's children named a son George, while all but one of Barbara Bower's children named daughters Ruth.





The first appearance of Richard Knowles in the Plymouth records, in Jan. 1637/8, was when he was haled into court at Plymouth "for bringing a barke from Greences Harbor [as the Winslow settlement in Marshfield was then called] on the Lords day." The record of the judgment, 2 Jan. 1637/8, is brief: "Discharged." There is nothing to prove that he considered Plymouth his home at that time. As a single man it is not unlikely that he considered his home to be under his hat, aboard his ship. But nineteen months later he married a Plymouth girl, recently come thither from Scituate; and before his marriage he had been granted, 7 Jan. 1638/9, "a garden place next to John Barnes." This was on the "Eele River side" of Plymouth, next to Duxbury. Whether George Bower or Richard Knowles came there first may be doubtful. The next spring he was granted a parcel of meadow ground at the head of George Bower's meadow "by the Eele river head." He must have planted crops on his own and the adjoining land, for in 1642 John Groome received a grant of a garden place next to his, on condition that he should build on it, but with the stipulation: "for the present cropp Richard Knowles to have it except John Groome compound with him for it." In 1641 he was improved as a juryman. In 1643 his allowance from the "keep of the towns cows" was one pottle, which represented a two-quart measure. The same year his name was listed among Plymouth men able to bear arms.

On the removal of the Bower family to Cambridge, about 1643 (*vide* p. 288, footnote), the Knowleses apparently went there also. In the Cambridge records, under date of 4 Nov. 1646, is the entry: "Goodman Knowles for his swine divers times going without keeper is fined 1s. 6d." His son James was born 17 Nov. 1648, while the father was living in Cambridge. The birth was entered in the Suffolk County records, but was not printed as a Boston birth by the Boston record commissioners because it was sent in from Cambridge. In the Cambridge records the birth is entered as occurring "in Boston." But in Dec. 1649 Richard Knowles was back at Plymouth, for according to the Plymouth records of 1 Dec. 1649 he was prosecuted "for denying passage of cattell in the highway."

While a navigator by occupation, Richard Knowles evidently carried on business on land also. His wife was prosecuted 7 Oct. 1641 "for retailing of strong waters contrary to order" and "for selling strong waters for five or six shillings a bottle that cost but 35s. the case," and she was fined 10s., to be bestowed on the town's poor.

At the meeting of the Council of War at Plymouth, 12 May 1653, when public apprehension was aroused of armed conflict with the Dutch of New Amsterdam, two barques were pressed for the service, one the vessel in which George Watson sailed, and himself to go as master, and also "the Barkqe in which Richard Knowles sayleth, with him the master thereof, was pressed for the same purpose,

the first settled minister, and where he died 14 June 1687. His family continued in Derby. He married Bridget Thompson, who survived him, daughter of Anthony Thompson of New Haven. His children were: 1. Ruth, bapt. at New Haven 20 Dec. 1657; m. (1) John Frisbie; m. (2) William Hoadley of Branford. 2. Nathaniel. 3. Mary, m. in 1682 Samuel Nichols. 4. Samuel, bapt. at New Haven 5 Nov. 1665. 5. John, b. at Guilford 3 Dec. 1667. 6. Ann, m. in 1703 Francis French. 7. James.





with John Younge and Willam Walker, and all things nesseearie for theire use belonging to the said barkqe."

There is nothing in this record suggestive of residence in Eastham. It was the same month in which his daughter Mehitable was born, whose birth was twice recorded at Plymouth, once with an error of a year (Plymouth Colony Records, vol. 8, p. 15) and once correctly, 20 May 1653 (*ib.*, vol. 8, p. 30). Her birth was also entered in the Eastham records, at the same time with that of her sister Barbara, who was born 28 Sept. 1656. Richard Knowles was not one of the first company to go out to the settlement which was to be the future home of his family. On 1 Oct. 1651 he was explicitly "of the town of Plymouth." His name first appears at Eastham on 13 May 1654, in a record of a town grant of two acres of meadow at the head of Little Namskaket; and a year later, in a town meeting, 22 May 1655, all the settlers were by vote divided into groups of five, and every group of five men amongst them was to keep a bull. Richard Knowles headed one group, which inciuded, besides himself, Joseph Rogers, George Crisp, Thomas Roberts, and Richard Booshop. These must have been his nearer neighbors at that time. The first town book has an undated "List of the mens names of the Towne," revised by crossing off and adding names during a period of years. Although Knowles was a shipmaster, only three men in that list were dignified by the title of "Mr.," namely, Freeman, Crosby, and Doane. "Ensigne Merricke" appears there, and about half way down this list are the names of John Bangs, Steaven Atwood, Richard Knowles, John Doane, and Thomas Williams.

Whether Richard Knowles made trans-Atlantic voyages or traded with the West Indies is not known, but it is more likely that his occupation was that of so many others, and that he went on trading voyages up and down the coast. The probate papers of a Boston merchant, Joshua Foote, in 1655, show Richard Knowles as one of his customers for goods. His elections to minor town offices at Eastham prove his retirement from the sea in later life. In 1667 he twice served on coroner's juries. In 1669 Richard Knowles and William Walker were elected surveyors of highways, and in the next year Richard Knowles and Samuel Freeman were elected to the same office.

The records of the Eastham town meetings contain several references to the land of Richard Knowles and his sons John and Samuel. In 1657 is the entry:

"Granted to Richard Knowles the small poynts of land at the farther side\* of the head of the Cove soe far thereby the hyway be not prijedised."

This grant was the beginning of a series of town meeting actions lasting as late as 1725. On 13 Feb. 1681/2, when the corner bounds had been marked with the initials of his son Samuel, occurs the entry:

\*The expression "fartherside" or "further side" seems to indicate that in 1657 and 1681 the town affairs of Eastham were carried on in the part of Eastham now called East Orleans. "Town Cove" extends from the ocean in a southwesterly direction, and now for the most part forms the boundary between Eastham and Orleans. The "points of upland" in the Knowles grant are at what may be called the westerly corner of the head of Town Cove, and a little down on the northwest side. The whole district southeast of Town Cove was anciently called Pochet, and the meeting house in what is now the town of Orleans was sometimes called "Pochy Meetinghouse."





"Granted to Richard Knowles the small points of upland on the further side\* of the head of the town cove viz at the western end a tree marked below the highway near the mouck of medow and from thence running easterly upon a straight line up to a stone marked s. k. and from thence bearing to the southward to another stone at the foot of the hill marked s. k. and from thence ranging northerly bearing to the East to a tree marked and from thence to a stone set in the ground at the foot of the hill by the highway that goes over the head of the Cove near the corner of the meadow fence as it now stands."

This grant adjoined five acres of a ten-acre grant, described as follows:

"A parcel of land granted to Richard Knowles lying on the northerne side of Poche neare the head of the Cove, containing 10 acres, more or less, five acres lying on the eastern side of William Mereck & five acres lying on the western side & bounded both parcels by marked trees."

William Merrick's land was later Joshua Hopkins's, whose homestead was identified by the late Mr. Josiah Paine as the Isaac Seabury place, on the high land near the mouth of the Tonsett road.

In the records of the town meeting in 1704 is the entry:

"Voted that Samuel Knowles may shut up his fence on the outside of his land where he now lives in the place where his outside fence now stands, i. e. he may fence into the water at the northeast end of that lot of land next toward Jeremiah Smith† and so also at that part of his land next toward Joshua Hopkins, for 10 years, provided he allow a footpath and maintain stiles, also provided that he keep in repair the common way around his said land from the northern corner next to Samuel Hodges to the southern corner where his fence joins to Joshua Hopkinses, so that it may be convenient for carting, also that he allow to lie common that part of his land next toward Jeremy Smiths."‡

The clearest evidence of where Richard Knowles lived is found in the delimitation of the footpath around the head of Town Cove voted in 1714, as follows:

"Beginning at the foot of the hill below Joshua Hopkins dwelling house thence westerly to two stones on each side of the creek that runs out of the salt pond in the marsh thence westerly to the foot of the hill neer said Knowles dwelling house thence running up the hill with the old cartway to the top of the hill thence running northerly as the old cartway runs to the common road between the original land of said Samuel Knowles and the land that was formerly the land of John Knowles deceased."

We may assume that Samuel Knowles had his father's house, although he also had his brother John's land. Two town records inferentially distinguish between the land that had been John

\*See footnote on preceding page.

†Jeremiah Smith lived near "Jeremiah's Gutter," now forming in part the dividing line between Orleans and Eastham.

‡This provision, sixteen years before the present Orleans cemetery was laid out, may account for the burying ground formerly located in the rear of the present residence of Nathaniel Taylor, on the northern division of what Amos<sup>2</sup> Knowles (11) called "the old house field." When "Iron-Head" Josiah Snow, back from California with money, in 1852, bought this lot for a building site, he stipulated that "the fence around the burying place" should be removed by 1 May following (Barnstable Deeds, vol. 54, fo. 129). Capt. and Mrs. Nehemiah Harding of Orleans remember this burying ground as containing as good stones as the burying ground by the church, one of them marked "Betsy's Grave." This stone and doubtless the others were removed to the present cemetery. (Barnstable Deeds, vol. 54, p. 129, deed dated 27 Dec. 1852; Re-recorded Deeds, Orleans, vol. 1, p. 268.)





Knowles's on the west side of the road and Samuel Knowles's "original land" or "ancient lot" next to Town Cove. In 1714 the house must have stood somewhere between the present town landing and the slope of the hill on which the house of Mr. Nathaniel Taylor now stands.

As late as 1703 the town granted land "to the name or heirs of Robert Wixam, Richard Knowles and William Twining," namely, a meadow on Pochy Flats.

Children:

2. i. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. at Plymouth.
- ii. MARY, b. at Plymouth; d. at Eastham; m. at Eastham, 5 Feb. 1667/8, EPHRAIM DOANE. He m. (2) after 1692 Mary (Smalley) Snow, b. at Barnstable 11 Dec. 1647, d. at Eastham in 1703, daughter of John and Ann (Walden) Smalley and widow of John Snow. By the Eastham practice each resident having occasion for it was assigned a page, headed with his name, in the town book, on which a schedule of his horses and cattle running at large was entered. Page 12 is headed: "Mary Knowles one reddish mare of a year and vantage 22 Jan. 1666-7;" and this is followed by the entry: "Mary Knowles otherwise now called Ephraim Doane."\*

Children (surname *Doane*), b. at Eastham:

1. *Patience*, b. 28 Jan. 1668; d. in 1675.
2. *Apphia*, b. 18 July 1670.
3. *Hezekiah*, b. in the last week in Aug. 1672; m. (1) Hannah ———; m. (2) about 1717 Mary (Smith) Freeman, widow of Thomas Freeman of Harwich; m. (3) in 1744 Sarah (Elkins) Knowles, widow of Dea. Edward<sup>3</sup> Knowles (4).
4. *Thomas*, b. 4 Sept. 1674; d. at Chatham 8 May 1756; m. at Eastham, 28 Feb. 1701, *Patience* Mulford, b. 17 Aug. 1674, d. 8 Feb. 1744, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Mulford of Eastham.
5. *Ebenezer*, b. in Apr. 1676; m. *Lydia* ———. He was a selectman in Truro in 1711.
6. *Nehemiah*, b. in Aug. 1680; d. in Feb. 1684.
7. *Patience*, b. in the last week in Apr. 1682; m. at Eastham, 7 Feb. 1705/6, *Joshua* Cook. Nine children recorded at Eastham.
8. *Ruhamah*, b. 30 Apr. 1685; m. at Eastham, 22 Sept. 1726, *Richard* Stephens. About 1704 she was living in the family of David Melville of Eastham, and in 1707-08 she was employed at Samuel Cox's "Sun" in Boston.
- iii. JAMES, b. in Boston 17 Nov. 1648 (*vide supra*, p. 259); d. before 10 Oct. 1678, when the inventory of his estate was dated. The Eastham records contain his name under date of 20 Oct. 1670: "Blackish mare with star in the forehead taken up by John Younge and James Knowles." His brother Samuel administered on his estate, which consisted of personal property only.
- iv. RUTH, b. probably at Plymouth; d. at Eastham 28 Aug. 1714; m. at Eastham, 20 Mar. 1671/2, JOSEPH COLLINS, who died in 1723/4. He m. (2) Sarah (Pike) Strout, who d. at Cape Elizabeth, Me., widow of Christopher Strout of Provincetown.†

Children (surname *Collins*), b. at Eastham:

1. *Sarah*, b. 2 Jan. 1672/3.
2. *John*, b. 18 Dec. 1674; d. at Chatham 24 May 1765; m. at Orleans, 12 Feb. 1701/2, *Hannah* Doane, who d. at Chatham 6 June 1765.

\*Governor Prentice performed the same kindness for his daughter, "Jane Prince 9 Feb. 1659," and the name of Mark Snow presently appeared on her page.

†Beside the gravestone of her son, Christopher Strout, Esq., in the burying ground on Meeting-house Hill, in what is now South Portland, Me., stands a small stone, not much larger than many footstones, evidently home-made, with the inscription: "Mrs. Sarah Collins."





3. *Lydia*, b. in July 1676; m. Isaac Higgins of Eastham.
4. *Joseph*, b. in June 1678; m. 25 Mar. 1703 Rebecca Sparrow.
5. *Hannah*, b. towards the end of Feb. 1680; m. 20 Mar. 1700/1 Nathaniel Harding.
6. *Jonathan*, b. 20 Aug. 1682; m. in 1704 Elizabeth Vickery.
7. *Jane*, b. 3 Mar. 1683/4; m. 30 Sept. 1701 Elisha Higgins.
8. *Benjamin*, b. 6 Feb. 1687; d. at Truro 23 Dec. 1756; m. Sarah Bangs, who d. 2 Apr. 1759, in her 73d year, daughter of Jonathan Bangs.
9. *James*, b. 10 Mar. 1689; d. at Eastham 31 Mar. 1689.
3. v. SAMUEL, b. at Plymouth 17 Sept. 1651.
- vi. MEHITABLE, b., probably at Eastham, 20 May 1653; d. at Eastham after 1721; m. GEORGE BROWN of Eastham, who in his will, dated 29 June 1721 and proved 3 Aug. 1721, left his property to be divided "among all my children," without naming them, although incidentally he mentioned four of them. Almost two-thirds of the inventory of his estate consisted of a debt due from Joshua Brown. Three town grants, one to George Brown and two to Joshua Brown, were laid out adjacent to each other. Joshua Brown had a son Knowles Brown. These are the reasons for identifying Mehitable Knowles with the wife of George Brown, who was named in his will.  
Children (surname *Brown*), b. at Eastham:\*
  1. *William*, m. at Eastham, 27 Oct. 1699, Susanna (——) Harding.
  2. *James*, m. at Eastham, 13 Apr. 1704, Ruth Snow.
  3. *George*, m. Elizabeth Mulford.
  4. *Joshua*, m. 18 Apr. 1723 Rebecca Rich.
  5. *Mercy*, m. at Eastham, 18 Oct. 1711, John Walker.
- vii. BARBARA, b. at Eastham 28 Sept. 1656; d. there 23 Feb. 1714/15; m. at Eastham, 13 June 1677, THOMAS MAYO, b. 16 Nov. 1652, d. at Eastham 22 Apr. 1729, son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Prence) Mayo.  
Children (surname *Mayo*), b. at Eastham:
  1. *Thomas*, b. 3 Apr. 1678; d. about 1773; m. (1) 3 Apr. 1701 Elizabeth Higgins; m. (2) 6 Oct. 1722 Elizabeth Rogers.
  2. *Theophilus*, b. 31 Oct. 1680; d. 6 Oct. 1763; m. (1) 16 Aug. 1705 Rebecca Smith; m. (2) in 1751 Rachel (——) Higgins.
  3. *Mary*, b. 6 Aug. 1683; d. in 1777, aged 94; m. 10 Mar. 1714/15 Samuel Arey of Eastham, who d. at Eastham in 1773, aged 85.
  4. *Mercy*, b. 19 Jan. 1685; m. 30 Oct. 1707 Jonathan Godfrey.
  5. *Ruth*, b. 20 Jan. 1688; d. 14 Jan. 1720; m. 5 Mar. 1718/19 William Norcot, who m. (2) Patience Paine and removed to Chatham, Conn.
  6. *Judah*, b. 25 Sept. 1691; d. in 1761; m. in 1722 Mary Hamilton.
  7. *Lydia*, b. 12 June 1694; m. 14 June 1714 Joshua Myrick.
  8. *Richard*, b. 13 Jan. 1696/7; d. in 1744; m. 26 Dec. 1728 Rebecca Sparrow. He removed to Connecticut.
  9. *A son*, b. 1 Aug. 1699; d. 18 Aug. 1699.
  10. *Israel*, b. 12 Aug. 1700; d. in 1760; m. 2 Apr. 1724 Mercy Rider.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> KNOWLES (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), of Eastham, born at Plymouth, was slain by Indians near Taunton 3 June 1675. He married at Eastham, 28 Dec. 1670, APPHIA BANGS, born 15 Oct. 1651, living 12 July 1722, daughter of Edward and Rebecca Bangs

\*Besides the five children named below, three other Eastham Browns can hardly be accounted for except as children of George and Mehitable (Knowles) Brown, viz., Mary, who m. at Eastham, 24 Oct. 1703, Nathaniel Mayo, Samuel, who m. at Eastham, 21 Oct. 1708, Ruth Young, and Mehitable, who m. at Eastham, 14 Mar. 1715, John Hallett.





of Eastham. She married secondly Stephen Atwood (or Wood) of Eastham, whose will was proved 12 July 1722.

The earliest appearance of the name of this John Knowles may have been while he was still a minor. In the court held 3 Mar. 1662/3 Ephraim Doane, Thomas Ridman, John Knowles, and John Wilson were tried and were fined 25s. each for trading of liquors with the Indians at Cape Cod. In the same court Ephraim Doane and John Knowles were bound over under heavy bonds, pending investigations into the circumstances of the death of Josiah, the Indian sachem at Eastham. This matter was dropped. Soon after his marriage his name appears at the head of a cattle page, the entry reading: "John Knowles 1 mare colt 4 Aug. 1671." His earmark was transferred to his grandson, Willard Knowles (20), 28 June 1737.

In June 1675 Taunton suffered an attack by Indians, in which the houses of James Walker and John Tisdell were burned and the latter was killed. At the same time two soldiers from Eastham, who were on duty there, were killed. Capt. John Freeman, whose daughter Samuel<sup>2</sup> Knowles (3) afterwards married, was in command of the Barnstable County company, and in his report to Governor Winslow, under date of Taunton, 3 June 1675, said:

"This morning three of our men are slain close by one of our courts of guard, (two of them, Samuel Atkins and John Knowles, of Eastham); houses are burned in our sight; our men are picked off at every bush."

Three Indians were tried, 6 Mar. 1676/7, for the murder of John Knowles, John Tisdell, Sr., and Samuel Atkins. The jury found grounds of suspicion against two and acquitted one, but all three were sold into slavery as "prisoners of war." The sum of £10 was presented by the Colony to "Apthya widow of John Knowles lately slain in the service." In 1676 Lieut. Jonathan Sparrow and Jonathan Bangs were delegated by the Court to assist the young widow in settling her husband's affairs.

The inventory of his estate, taken 8 Mar. 1676, included "one dwellinghouse and three or four acres of land, and a small parcel of broked sedge and meadow." His house must have stood on the southern slope of the high land north of the road recently built from the State Road to the Town Landing. At a town meeting held 15 Mar. 1724/5 it was

"Voted, to allow Samuel Knowles to fence in the land on the north-west side of his field or land which was formerly his brother John Knowles so far as the fence & ditch which did formerly enclose the said land did formerly stand and no further."

John Knowles's brother afterwards had his land, and two town records refer to the road dividing Samuel Knowles's "original land," on the east of the road, from the land that was of John Knowles, deceased, on the west of the road.





## Children, born at Eastham:

4. i. EDWARD,<sup>2</sup> b. 7 Nov. 1671.
5. ii. JOHN, b. 10 July 1673.
- iii. REBECCA, b. 2 Mar. 1674/5; d. at Yarmouth 4 Mar. 1758, "in her 81st year" (gravestone at West Yarmouth); probably m. THOMAS TOBEY, b. at Yarmouth 2 Feb. 1676, whose will, in which he names his wife Rebecca, was proved 15 Mar. 1757.\*  
Children (surname *Tobey*), b. at Yarmouth:
  1. *Mehitable*, b. about 1701; d. at Yarmouth 29 July 1769, aged 68; m. at Yarmouth, 11 Jan. 1721/2, Hezekiah Taylor, who d. at Yarmouth 21 Feb. 1776, in his 77th year. Ten children, the oldest of whom was named Rebecca.
  2. *Thomas*, b. about 1704. In his will, proved 9 Aug. 1791, he left his estate to his three sons, Stephen, Knowles, and Samuel.
  3. *Rebecca*, b. about 1707; d. at Yarmouth 7 Mar. 1786, in her 80th year; m. Jacob Parker, who d. 26 June 1776, in his 74th year. (Gravestones at West Yarmouth.)
  4. *Desire*, b. about 1707; d. 28 July 1781, "ae. about 74;" m. at Yarmouth, 28 May 1730, James Sears, b. at Yarmouth 20 Mar. 1704. d. at Ridgefield, Conn., 17 Mar. 1781. Ten children, including Seth, Knowles, and Rebecca. Cf. Sears Genealogy, 1890, p. 98.
  5. *Lieut. Seth*, b. about 1716; d. at Yarmouth 31 Aug. 1801, aged 85; m. (1) Zipporah ———; m. (2) Betsey Sears. One child.

3. SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> KNOWLES (*Richard*<sup>1</sup>), of Eastham, Esq., born at Plymouth 17 Sept. 1651, died at Eastham 19 June 1737. He married at Eastham, in Dec. 1679, MERCY FREEMAN, born at Eastham in July 1659, died there 19 June 1737, daughter of Maj. John and Mercy (Prence) Freeman of Eastham. Gravestones of both Samuel Knowles and his wife (her headstone destroyed) are in the Orleans cemetery.

Benaiah Dunham's earmark for cattle, granted to him in 1665, was in 1679 transferred to Samuel Knowles. During a long period of years Mr. Knowles seems to have been perhaps the most trusted by his fellow townsmen of all his contemporaries. In every matter coming up for town action that called for the qualities of discretion, impartiality, tact, and efficiency, his name is likely to be found. His advance in public affairs was gradual — in 1681 he was fence viewer, in 1687 constable, in 1691 petty jurymen. From 1692 on he was often selectman. His earliest term as representative was in 1697.† In 1703 he was chosen a commissioner to try small causes, that is, a judge of the police court.

He lived on his father's homestead, and, when Richard Knowles's original grant was rebounded, 13 Feb. 1681/2, the bound-stones were lettered "s. k." Apparently he had also

\*The identification of Rebecca Knowles, b. 2 Mar. 1674/5, with Rebecca Tobey, wife of Thomas, is based solely on the fact that two of Rebecca Tobey's children had sons named Knowles. Moreover, it disregards (1) the discrepancy in her age, as stated on her gravestone, (2) the statement that this Thomas Tobey had for his first wife a daughter of George Crowell; and (3) a statement by "W. O. L." in the *Boston Evening Transcript* of 5 Feb. 1912, that Rebecca Knowles, b. at Eastham in Mar. 1690, m. at Yarmouth, 18 Nov. 1709, Thomas Tobey, both of these statements being unsupported.

†The local histories say that he served as representative twenty-three years, but these years include both his own and his son Samuel's terms of office.





his brother John's land, as entries in the town records discriminate between his "ancient lot" and the land formerly of John Knowles, deceased. Also there was granted to him by the town part or all of Rev. Mr. Treat's "plains lot," otherwise called "Mr. Treat's old field," and still later he was granted by the town all the land between his land and the Treat land. Apparently Mr. Treat must once have lived there, and later, after having reduced the land to cultivation, surrendered it to the town and removed to the location afterwards purchased by Col. John Knowles on the other side of Town Cove. The burning of the records of deeds and the court records makes research difficult, and it cannot safely be said that the original Knowles lands, with what was added to them by Mr. Samuel Knowles and his sons Col. Samuel and Amos, included all the land immediately south, southwest, and west of the upper end of Town Cove, covering almost the whole of the present Orleans Village from some distance south of the road next south of Main Street as far northwest as the land crossed by the railroad north of the station; but it may be said that considerable sections of land at the different extents of this tract trace back to the Knowleses, without other ancient ownership appearing. The late Mr. Josiah Paine, in marking the ancient homesteads on a United States topographical sheet, which has been presented by Mr. Stanley Webster Smith to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, marked Samuel Knowles's farm as the estate of the late John Doane, Esq. All the land between the Doane estate and Town Cove and many lots southeast, west, and north of it were certainly Knowles lands. Samuel Knowles willed his homestead to his son Amos.

The immediate cause for the making of his will, which was dated 1 June 1732, was evidently his desire to provide for the children of his son Nathaniel, who was at the point of death. For his unmarried daughter Ruth and his daughter-in-law Elizabeth he provided "one fire room" between them, with firewood privileges and a cow for Elizabeth. By a codicil added after her remarriage he annulled the legacy of a cow, and gave the price of a good cow to be divided among his son Nathaniel's children.

Children, born at Eastham:

- i. JAMES,<sup>3</sup> b. 13 Aug. 1680; picked up drowned at Billingsgate 23 Nov. 1704. His town grant bore the date of 24 July 1703.
- ii. MERCY, b. 13 Sept. 1681; m. at Eastham, 23 July 1702, THOMAS RICH.

Children (surname *Rich*):

1. *Thomas*, b. 22 Dec. 1702; m. at Eastham, 7 Oct. 1725, Thankful Mayo.
2. *Mercy*, b. 8 Aug. 1704; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 22 Aug. 1724) George Shaw of Eastham. Four children recorded.
3. *James*, b. 10 Jan. 1705/6.
4. *Joseph*, b. 1 Jan. 1707/8.
5. *David*, b. 17 Mar. 1710; m. at Eastham, 6 Dec. 1734, Hannah Brown. One daughter recorded.





6. *Sarah*, b. 1 Sept. 1712; m. at Eastham, 5 Oct. 1731, Jonathan Shaw.
  7. *John*, b. 14 Sept. 1714; m. at Eastham, 13 Oct. 1737, Lydia Young. They removed from Provincetown to Middle Haddam, Conn.
  8. *Thankful*, b. 13 Oct. 1716; m. 26 June 1765 John Harding, Jr.
  9. *Samuel*, b. 14 May 171-; probably the "Lamuel" who m. 14 Mar. 1734 Elizabeth Harding.
  10. *Ruth*, b. about 1722; d. at Barkhamstead, Conn., in 1813; m. (1) 27 Oct. 1743 Daniel Higgins, who d. at East Hampton, Conn., 8 Oct. 1749; m. (2) 16 Nov. 1750 William Taylor of East Hampton and Canton, Conn. She had children by both husbands.
6. iii. SAMUEL, b. 15 Jan. 1682.
  7. iv. NATHANIEL, b. 15 May 1686.
  8. v. RICHARD, b. towards the end of July 1688.
  - vi. REBECCA, b. about the middle of Mar. 1690; d. at Plymouth, administration on her estate being granted 8 Dec. 1755; m. THOMAS WETHERELL, the Plymouth innholder. The inventories of both the husband and the wife showed large estates, including funds loaned to Mrs. Wetherell's brothers, Richard and Amos Knowles. Children (surname *Wetherell*), b. at Plymouth:
    1. *Rebecca*, b. 1 Dec. 1713; d. at Plymouth in 1761, administration on her estate being granted 1 June 1762 to her brother-in-law; m. (1) James Easdell; m. (2) ——— Davis. The intention of marriage of Mr. Wm. Davis and Mrs. Rebecca Easdell was recorded at Plymouth 19 May 1750, and that of William Davis and Sarah Doggett was recorded at Plymouth 20 Feb. 1750/1. In probate papers she was Rebecca Davis in 1756 and Rebecca Easdell, widow, in 1762. She had children.
    2. *Thomas*, b. 31 July 1715; d. in Jamaica, B. W. I., 9 May 1744; m. (intention recorded at Barnstable, 13 May 1738) Elizabeth Lothrop. One surviving child, named Thomas.
    3. *William*, b. 6 Mar. 1718; d. in London, Eng., of smallpox, in 1746; m. Rebecca ———. One surviving child, named Hannah.
    4. *James*, b. 31 Aug. 1720; d. s.p. at Cape Breton in 1745.
    5. *Mary*, b. 5 June 1722; d. at Plymouth 3 Sept. 1776; m. 8 July 1740 Thomas Mayhew of Plymouth. Nine children.
    6. *John*, b. 13 May 1725; d. at Surinam, Dutch Guiana, in 1763; m. at Plymouth, 11 Nov. 1756, Sarah Crandon.
    7. *Mercy*, b. 14 June 1727; m. (intention recorded at Plymouth, 26 Sept. 1747) Thomas Foster, Jr., of Plymouth. Administration on his estate was granted to her 17 July 1778. She had children.
    8. *Lemuel*, b. 2 Sept. 1729; d. in Oct. 1738.
    9. *Hannah*, b. 5 Aug. 1732; d. 10 June 1736.
  9. vii. JOHN, b. about the middle of Apr. 1692.
  - viii. RUTH, b. in Nov. 1694; d. at Truro 1 Nov. 1745; m. at Eastham, 26 June 1733 or 1734, as his second wife, REV. JOHN AVERY of Truro, who had a large family by his former wife.
  10. ix. CORNELIUS, b. in Oct. 1695.
  11. x. AMOS, b. in 1702.
  12. xi. JAMES, b. about 1705.

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## THE KNOWLES FAMILY OF EASTHAM, MASS.

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4. DEACON EDWARD<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), of Eastham, born at Eastham 7 Nov. 1671, died there 16 Nov. 1740. He married first, at Eastham, 27 Feb. 1699/1700, ANN RIDLEY; and secondly, 27 Feb. 1711/12, SARAH (ELKINS) MAYO, born at Salem, died at Eastham the last of Feb. 1753, daughter of Thomas Elkins of Salem and widow of James Mayo. She married thirdly (intention recorded at Eastham, 24 Mar. 1743/4), as his third wife, Dea. Edward<sup>3</sup> Knowles's first cousin, Hezekiah Doane, whom she outlived,\* son of Ephraim and Mary (Knowles) Doane (*vide supra*, 1, ii, 3).

After his birth record the name of Edward<sup>3</sup> Knowles first appears as a witness to a Smith family settlement, with William Walker and Josiah Cooke, 5 July 1697. He was a tanner and doubtless also a navigator. The church records are lost, but in the town and probate records he is given the title of "Deacon" as early as 1728. He was selectman for ten years and town treasurer for ten years. He was probably the first of the Knowles family to move down to what is *now* Eastham. Assuming that his house, which in his will he left to his son Edward, whose mother was to have the use of the east end of it, stood on the same site, if it was not the same house, as the house in which the second Dea. Edward (14) grew to old age, it stood at Eastham Centre, south of the swamp which lies east of Long Pond (or "Fresh Water Pond"), considerably nearer to the present town hall than to the railroad station. It was on the northwestern side of a road which formerly swung around it, starting from the corner near the town pound at the former post road and leading easterly and northerly down the Cape.

In his will Deacon Knowles remembered John Mayo and Sarah Higgins, who were two of the children of his second wife by her first husband.

Children by first wife, born at Eastham:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> b. 6 Oct. 1700; d. at Eastham 6 Mar. 1761; m. at Eastham, 18 Oct. 1722, JOSEPH SMITH, JR., of Eastham, b. 2 Dec. 1697, d. at Eastham 9 Mar. 1763, son of John and Sarah Smith.  
Children (surname *Smith*), b. at Eastham:
  1. *Moses*, b. 15 Dec. 1723.
  2. *Sarah*, b. 25 Aug. 1725.
  3. *Elisha*, b. 10 Dec. 1727; m. in 1755 Jennett Higgins; d. at Eastham 4 May 1795. Six children.
  4. *Lydia*, b. 29 Apr. 1729.
  5. *Joseph*, b. 23 Mar. 1731/2; living 29 Oct. 1785; m. at Eastham,

\*Administration on the estate of Hezekiah Doane was granted 23 June 1752 to his widow Sarah, and upon her death to Benjamin Higgins, the husband of her daughter, Sarah (Mayo) Higgins, who was a beneficiary in the will of Dea. Edward Knowles.





- 10 Feb. 1758, his second cousin once removed, Ruth<sup>a</sup> Knowles (11, iv), *q.v.*
6. *Nathan*, b. 25 Dec. 1732; m. in 1755 Mary Freeman.
  7. *Eunice*, b. 23 Dec. 1738; m. in 1759 Solomon Young.
  8. *Isaac*, b. 10 Jan. 1740/1.
  9. *Joshua*, b. 16 Sept. 1743; m. 29 Oct. 1765 Phebe Doane.
13. ii. THOMAS, b. 1 Apr. 1702.
- iii. MERCY, b. 16 Nov. 1704; m. at Eastham, 23 Sept. 1725, JOSEPH SNOW.
- Children (surname *Snow*), b. at Eastham:
1. *Nathaniel*, b. 27 Apr. 172-; m. 25 Apr. 1745 Mary Harding of Eastham.
  2. *Edward*, b. 23 Dec. 1729; m. at Eastham, 23 Jan. 1755, Martha Brown.
  3. *Joseph*, b. 1 Apr. 1735; probably d. young.
  4. *Mercy*, b. 11 Nov. 1737.
  5. *Joseph*, b. 9 May 1742.
  6. *Thankful*, b. 17 Feb. 1743/4.
- iv. ANN, b. 19 Apr. 1707; m. at Eastham, 3 Oct. 1728, SETH SMITH.
- Children (surname *Smith*), b. at Eastham:
1. *Barnabas*, b. 31 May 1731.
  2. *Rebecca*, b. 22 Mar. 1734/5.
  3. *Seth*, b. 19 Mar. 1737.
  4. *Edward*, b. 2 Aug. 1739.
  5. *Ann*, b. 1 Mar. 1742/3.
  6. *Elizabeth*, b. 10 Oct. 1745.
- Children by second wife, born at Eastham:
14. v. EDWARD, b. 3 Feb. 1713/14.
- vi. HANNAH, b. 23 June 1717; not mentioned in her father's will.

5. COL. JOHN<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 10 July 1673, died there 3 Nov. 1757. He married first MARY SEARS, born at Yarmouth 24 Oct. 1672, died at Eastham 7 Nov. 1745, daughter of Paul and Deborah (Willard) Sears; and secondly, at Eastham, 6 May 1746, MRS. REBECCA CHANLY (or CHANLE), "now resident in Eastham." She survived her husband, but died at Eastham before 12 Oct. 1773, when administration on her estate was granted to Enoch Higgins of Eastham, whose wife Sarah was apparently an heir.

John Knowles was left an orphan before his recollection, and apparently was brought up by the worthy Joshua Sparrow, for whom his first son, Joshua, seems to have been named. He must have been given a good schooling, and evidently from youth up was exceptionally efficient and well regarded. The earliest occurrence of his name, after he grew up, is in the registration of an earmark for his cattle, 24 Apr. 1695. The records of the county not destroyed in 1827 contain frequent references to him in trusted capacities. A juryman in 1701, he was chosen as early as 1706 a member of a board of arbitration. In 1715, as Lieut. John Knowles, he was elected one of five townsmen to apportion the remaining common lands. He was for many years coroner, and was commander of the Second Barnstable Regiment.

Joshua Sparrow, in his will, gave to John Knowles the house and land where he was living. The Knowleses were a Head-





of-Town-Cove family, that is to say, an Orleans rather than an Eastham family, none of them moving down to the north side of Town Cove till the third generation. Probably Dea. Edward<sup>3</sup> Knowles (4) may have been the first to do this, and some of the sons of Col. John may have thus removed before their father. Col. Willard<sup>4</sup> Knowles (20) devised to his son Joseph "the land where the old house stood which he improved," and Joseph very soon sold to Timothy Doane 16 acres located at "Stage Land," formerly belonging to Col. John Knowles. This was the name for the point south of Nauset Harbor. It has not been learned whether this was the first location given by the will of Joshua Sparrow. Late in life Colonel Knowles purchased from the Treat heirs the farm of Rev. Samuel Treat, and from that time on the senior branch of the Knowles family belonged in what is still the town of Eastham. The junior branch, descendants of the younger son of the first Richard, remained in what is now Orleans.

Children by first wife, born at Eastham:

15. i. JOSHUA,<sup>4</sup> b. 6 July 1690.
16. ii. JOHN, b. 28 June 1698.
17. iii. SETH, b. 7 Aug. 1700.
18. iv. PAUL, b. 8 Aug. 1702.
19. v. JAMES, b. 4 Nov. 1704.
- vi. JESSE, b. 1 Apr. 1707.
- vii. MARY, b. in Oct. 1709; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 10 Aug. 1728) JOHN WING, JR., of Harwich, b. 3 Apr. 1702, whose will was proved in 1773. For children, see the "Wing Genealogy," 1881, p. 63.
20. viii. WILLARD, b. 6 Nov. 1711.

6. COL. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 15 Jan. 1682, died in Boston 30 Jan. 1750/1. He married at Eastham, 7 Nov. 1709, BETHIA BROWN, born 9 Sept. 1685, who survived her husband, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Harding) Brown of Eastham.

He was able to follow in his father's footsteps, and from 1722 was a selectman for six years and then moderator of the town meeting. He became one of the leading citizens of Barnstable County, and was colonel of the Second Barnstable Regiment and a justice of the Sessions Court. He was also guardian of the Indians in the lower part of Barnstable County. After his father's retirement he was often representative in the General Court, and died during a session of the Court in Boston. His gravestone stands now beside that of Gov. John Hancock in the Old Granary Burial Ground on Tremont Street, Boston. His death was generally noticed in the Boston newspapers, and the *Weekly News-Letter*, in its issue for 7 Feb. 1750/1, published the following:

"On Wednesday the 30th of January died at his Lodgings in this Town, Samuel Knowles, Esq; One of the Members of the Honourable House of Representatives, from the Town of Eastham; in the County of Barnstable; and on Friday was decently interr'd, attended by the Honourable House of Representatives, and others. A Gentleman who





was greatly belov'd and respected, and will be much lamented: As one of His Majesty's Justices, Col. Knowles was strictly Impartial in the Administration of Justice; was always for making up of Differences between Man and Man as soon as possible, and with as little Charge as might be; and was remarkable both for preventing and healing of any long and uncomfortable Debates among his Neighbours and others; and his Judgment greatly sett by; and that which crown'd all, A Man of strict Piety and Integrity."

His house, judging by its reputation for age, was standing within memory, on the northwesterly side of what was once the post road and is now the byroad from the Brewster road to the house of the late John Doane, Esq. The site is marked "R. Kendrick" in the Barnstable County Map of 1858. In his will he gave to his wife the west end of his dwelling house, with storehouse adjacent. His farm, which included lands on the southerly side of the road, extended northwesterly beyond the railway station; but how much farther it extended in the different directions is not easily told, by reason of the burning of the Registry of Deeds.

Children, born at Eastham:

21. i. ENOS,<sup>4</sup> b. 30 Apr. 1712.
- ii. AZUBAH, b. 6 Feb. 1713/14; d. at Eastham in Mar. 1762; m. at Eastham, 30 Sept. 1736, JOSIAH SEARS of Chatham, cordwainer, b. at Yarmouth 25 Aug. 1708, d. at Eastham in Jan. 1772, son of Josiah and Mary (Howes) Sears. He m. (2) 26 May 1763 Mercy Hopkins, perhaps the mother of his youngest son, Josiah.  
Children (surname *Sears*), b. at Eastham:
  1. *Mercy*, b. 23 Aug. 1737; m. at Eastham, 23 Nov. 1769, Archelaus Harding of Eastham. Four children.
  2. *Martha*, m. at Eastham, 13 May 1756, Theodore Harding of Eastham, later of Barrington, N. S.
  3. *Jerusha*, b. 25 Feb. 1742/3; d. before 1772.
  4. *Josiah*, b. 1 Feb. 1744/5.
  5. *Azubah*, b. 5 Nov. 1747; m. in 1765 Warren Anson Kendrick of Barrington, N. S. Eleven children.
  6. *Bethia*, b. 15 July 1750; m. 26 Dec. 1776 Theophilus Baker of Yarmouth. Three children.
  7. *David*, b. 4 Apr. 1753; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 14 Dec. 1776) Martha Cole of Eastham.
  8. *Samuel*, b. 18 Apr. 1755; d. at South East, N. Y., in 1778. He was in Capt. Solomon Higgins's company in the Revolutionary War.
22. iii. SAMUEL, b. 6 Oct. 1715.
23. iv. NATHANIEL, b. 6 Oct. 1717.
- v. JERUSHA, b. 9 Mar. 1719/20; d. prior to 13 Jan. 1750/1; m. at Eastham, 20 Sept. 1739, DR. JOHN WHITNEY of Harwich, afterwards of Eastham.  
Children (surname *Whitney*), b. at Eastham:
  1. *John*, b. 2 Sept. 1740.
  2. *Josiah*, b. 7 Nov. 1741.
  3. *Seth*, b. 5 Feb. 1742/3.
  4. *Nathaniel*, apparently the youngest child. On 9 May 1751 Josiah Sears was appointed guardian of John and Nathaniel, minor sons of John Whitney of Eastham, physician. On 16 Apr. 1759 a wood lot in Harwich, south of Cleft Pond, was divided, a half being assigned to Nathaniel Bacon, a third to Enos Knowles, and a sixth to the Whitneys, grandchildren of Samuel Knowles, Esq.
24. vi. SETH, b. 20 Jan. 1721/2.





7. NATHANIEL<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 15 May 1686, died, probably at Provincetown, in 1732. He married first MARY HUNT, who died at Windham, Conn., 10 June 1716, daughter of William Hunt of Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard; and secondly, at Windham, 25 Apr. 1717, ELIZABETH BACON, who survived him and married secondly (intention recorded at Eastham, 10 July 1734), as his third wife, Beriah Smith of Provincetown. She and her second husband, Beriah Smith, took part in the migration from Provincetown to Cape Elizabeth, Me., taking with them his children by a former wife, her children by her former husband, and their children by this latest marriage. Beriah Smith and his sons appear together in a Cape Elizabeth tax list for 1743.\*

As a boy Nathaniel Knowles evidently would rather go to sea than to school; for, although he belonged to an educated family, he did not learn to write. After his marriage his father attempted to establish him by giving him a large quantity of land in the new settlement at Windham, Conn., in that part of the town which is now the town of Scotland; but in a few years he had evidently run through with this, and in a Windham deed he is called "of Branford, Conn.," 27 Mar. 1724, when he sold the last of his land at Windham. At Branford he bargained for a house, a shop, and two acres of land, in an instrument dated 8 Aug. 1722, but he did not get his deed until 21 Aug. 1724. Two years from that time he quitclaimed his equity in the house and a half acre of the land, an acre and a half having been already levied on by a creditor, 18 Mar. 1724/5. At Branford he attempted to keep a store, and also was licensed as an innkeeper, enterprises which only a keen man could carry on successfully without an elementary education. After his house was gone he continued to live at Branford, doubtless going back to his early choice as sailor. Suits for debts appear in the court, and he was also arrested for having in his possession a man's purse containing a large sum, but on surrendering this and showing penitence he was discharged with a small fine. A lawsuit in Apr. 1730 gives us his last appearance at Branford, except what we may infer from the marriage of his daughter a few months later; and the only evidence that he removed to Provincetown is found in a military roll in which his youngest son gave his birthplace as "Cape Cod," an expression which at that time meant Provincetown, where all the inhabitants were squatters, a law of the Province prohibiting the purchase of lands from the

\*Beriah Smith, carpenter, of Provincetown, called "of Cape Cod" in several appealed lawsuits in the archives of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, m. (1) Susannah Savage, by whom he had, 1704-1712, children Mary, Susannah, Samuel, and Beriah; m. (2) Alice ———, by whom he had children Simeon, Enoch, Alice, William, and John, bapt. at Provincetown 1713-1721; m. (3) Elizabeth (Bacon) Knowles, by whom he had Ebenezer, b. at Provincetown 11 Aug. 1735, and Beriah, b. at "Cape Cod" about 1738, according to a Maine military roster. A tax list of Cape Elizabeth for 1743, preserved by the Maine Historical Society, contains the following Provincetown group: "Christopher Strout, Esqr., Christopher Strout, Junr., Brier Smith, John Smith, William Smith, Simen Smith, Edward Smalley." The Cumberland County (Me.) probate records, unfortunately, have been destroyed.





Indians. Whether he died at Provincetown or in his father's house we can only doubtfully infer from his father's will, which was evidently prompted by his prodigal but beloved son's lying at death's door. In one part of the will the father speaks of his son Nathaniel as alive, and in another part he calls Elizabeth a widow.

Children by first wife, born at Windham, Conn.:

- i. REBECCA,<sup>4</sup> b. 30 Jan. 1710/11; m. at Branford, Conn., 10 Jan. 1753, GEORGE HUBBARD, b. at Guilford, Conn., 30 May 1717, d. at Branford 2 Nov. 1762, son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Lord) Hubbard. The marriage record describes Rebecca and her husband as "both of said Branford." She is named in the wills of her Grandfather and Grandmother Knowles. Evidently she went back to Branford, where her sister of the whole blood lived, and there contracted an elderly marriage. Deeds appear of this George Hubbard, of Branford from Guilford, 1737-1750; but no records of probate or heirship deeds of the estate have been found.
- ii. MARY, b. in Sept. 1713; d. 16 Apr. 1759; m. at Branford, Conn., 5 Nov. 1730, WILLIAM LUDDINGTON of Branford, b. 6 Sept. 1702, son of Henry and Sarah (Collins) Luddington of East Haven, Conn. He m. (2) 17 Apr. 1760 Mary Wilkinson of Branford. Children (surname *Luddington*), b. at Branford:\*
  1. *Submit*, b. 10 Feb. 1732/3; m. 28 June 1754 Stephen Johnson of Branford.
  2. *Mary*, b. 20 May 1736.
  3. *Henry*, b. 25 May 1739; d. at Patterson, N. Y., 24 Jan. 1817; m. 12 May 1760 Abigail ———, who d. 3 Aug. 1825, æt. 80 years, 3 months. Twelve children.
  4. *Lydia*, b. 25 July 1741; m. at East Haven, 20 Oct. 1761, Aaron (not William) Buckley of Branford.
  5. *Samuel*, b. 30 Apr. 1744; m. at Woodbury, Conn., 5 Mar. 1766, Ruth Galpin.
  6. *Rebecca*, b. 10 May 1747; d. 20 May 1754.†
  7. *Anne*, b. 20 June 1750; d. 20 May 1754.†
  8. *Stephen*, b. 18 Oct. 1753.
- iii. MALATIAH, b. 4 Jan. 1715/16. The will of William Hunt of Chilmark, dated 13 Mar. 1722, left a legacy "to my three grandchildren, Mary Knowles, Rebecca Knowles, Malatiah Knowles."

Children by second wife:

- iv. RUTH, b. at Windham, Conn., 5 Apr. 1718.
25. v. NATHANIEL, b. at Windham, Conn., about 1720.
- vi. MERCY, b. at Windham or Branford, Conn., in 1722; d. at Cape Elizabeth (now South Portland), Me., 20 Aug. 1816, "aged 94;" m. (intention, calling the parties "both of Falmouth," recorded at Falmouth, Me., which then included Cape Elizabeth, 19 Feb. 1743/4) ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, b. in Ulster, d. at Cape Elizabeth after 1790 and before 1800, son of the Widow Martha Douglas of Boston, Mass., and Pelham, N. H. In 1739 Archibald Douglas and Joseph Cobb witnessed the will of Josiah Cobb, son of Jonathan Cobb, at Cape Elizabeth. Apparently Douglas was an apprentice in the glazier's trade with Joseph Cobb. In 1739 Joseph Cobb, glazier, made a deed of gift to his son-in-law Joseph Strout and wife of the westerly half of a sixty-acre lot on Barren Hill, "the which easterly half of said lot I formerly gave unto Archibald Douglas, glazier" (York Deeds, vol. 23, p. 81). This land became the Douglas homestead, south of the present village of Pleasant-

\*Cf. REGISTER, vol. 58, p. 77.

†Rebecca and Anne were burned to death "On Monday night after ye 20th of May" 1754, when part of their father's house at Branford was burned.





dale. Douglas was elected to minor town offices, both before and after Cape Elizabeth was set off from Falmouth, from 1748 down to 1774. By the United States Census of 1790 (Cape Elizabeth) his family consisted of his wife and one daughter. By the United States Census of 1810 the Widow Mercy Douglas was living at North Yarmouth, Me., the next-door neighbor to William Gooding (her grandson), the household consisting of two women over 45 years of age. By the previous census at North Yarmouth they were apparently living in the family of her son-in-law, Samuel Gooding, whose household contained three women over 45.

Children (surname *Douglas*), b. at Cape Elizabeth:

1. *Mary*, b. 2 Jan. 1745; d. unm. She and her youngest sister are said to have been school-teachers in Portland, Me., until late in life, when their brother-in-law furnished them a house for their occupancy, which is still standing on the corner of Pleasant and Smith Streets in Yarmouth, Me.
2. *Martha*, m. (1) at Cape Elizabeth, 28 Aug. 1770, John Jones; m. (2) 26 July 1774 Samuel Gooding of Falmouth Neck (now Portland), Me., b. at Falmouth 2 Mar. 1751, d. at North Yarmouth (now Yarmouth), Me., 18 Feb. 1809. Eight children.
3. *Elizabeth*, b. 19 Mar. 1760; d. unm. at an advanced age.

vii. FREEMAN, bapt. at Branford, Conn., 18 Jan. 1726/7.

viii. ELIZABETH, bapt. at Branford, Conn., 12 Nov. 1727. Her intention of marriage was twice recorded at Falmouth (later Cape Elizabeth), Me., first to Thomas Stevens, 27 Dec. 1754, and secondly to Elijah Smith, 15 Feb. 1754/5. Thomas Stevens, then of Pearson-town, probably married (intention recorded at Falmouth, 20 Apr. 1757) Anna Bryant of Falmouth. Possibly this Elizabeth was the Elizabeth, wife of Elijah Smith, who died at Chatham, Mass., 15 Jan. 1766.

26. ix. SAMUEL (posthumous), b. at Provincetown, Mass., in 1733. The place and approximate time of his birth are derived from the roster of a Cumberland County (Me.) company that gives birth-places and ages and includes the half brothers, "Samuel Knowles, Cape Cod, 27," and "Bryer Smith, Cape Cod, 22" (Massachusetts Archives, vol. 98, p. 110).

8. LIEUT. RICHARD<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham towards the end of July 1688, died about 1769. He married MARTHA COBB, born 6 Feb. 1682, died 31 Oct. 1763, daughter of James and Sarah (Lewis) Cobb.

After receiving a grant of land from the town, between his father's house and the Cedar Pond, he removed about 1719 to Chatham, where he bought the tavern of Ebenezer Hawes, and he, his son James, and the latter's widow continued as the tavern keepers of that town for almost a century. He quickly became a recognized citizen of his adopted town, and served as town treasurer and as lieutenant of the local militia. He was one of the original grantees of the township of Liverpool, N. S., and perhaps made a trip thither about 1760.

Children, born at Eastham and Chatham:

- i. MARTHA,<sup>4</sup> b. 28 Jan. 1713/14; m. in 1729 JOHN SHAW of Eastham. Children (surname *Shaw*):
  1. *George*, b. 15 Sept. 173-.
  2. *Martha*, b. 1 Apr. 1733.
  3. *John*, b. 18 June 1735.
 Perhaps others.
- ii. RICHARD, b. 26 Mar. 1715; d. 20 Aug. 1736.
- iii. MERCY, b. 9 Aug. 1717; d. 14 May 1758; m. 1 Nov. 1733 GEORGE





GODFREY of Chatham, b. in 1707, d. 4 Dec. 1768. His will discloses ten children.

Children (surname *Godfrey*):

1. *Richard*, m. 23 Dec. 1756 Lydia Doane.
2. *Benjamin*.
3. *George*, d. in 1769, aged 24 years, leaving four children.
4. *James*.
5. *Jonathan*.
6. *Knowles*, d. 19 Jan. 1766; m. Jerusha Rider, daughter of Stephen Rider of Chatham. Two children.
7. *Mercy*, m. in 1762 George Bearse.
8. *Martha*.
9. *Sarah*.
10. *Molly*.

- iv. JAMES, of Chatham, innkeeper, blacksmith, b. 11 Nov. 1719; d. in 1781; m. (1) at Eastham, 25 Nov. 1742, SARAH DOANE, b. in 1720, d. 26 Dec. 1748; m. (2) at Eastham, 20 July 1749, RUTH MAYO, b. at Eastham 30 July 1721, d. at Chatham 17 Sept. 1766; m. (3) at Eastham, 19 Nov. 1767, SARAH (LINNELL) MAYO, widow of Gideon Mayo; m. (4) at Eastham, 12 Dec. 1775, ALICE PAINE, who d. 18 Apr. 1777, daughter of John Paine of Eastham; m. (5) HANNAH ———, who survived him. He was an active citizen of his town, and, in addition to his regular occupations, was employed in probate court matters. His widow, who was his executrix, carried on the tavern until her death, when administration *cum testamento annexo* was granted to David Godfrey, 27 Mar. 1815. Although he had five wives, his will discloses no children, but Samuel Atkins's logbook, under date of 9 Dec. 1774, mentions the death of James Knowles's daughter from Chatham. This Chatham, however, may have been Chatham, Conn. In his will he left his blacksmith shop to his friend Paul Mayo, and made the children of his brother and sisters, Cornelius, Martha, and Mercy, his residuary legatees. He also provided for his sister, Rebecca Knowles, and remembered his daughter-in-law [step daughter] Alice Nickerson, who was the wife of Ensign Nickerson and daughter of his third wife by her first husband, Gideon Mayo.

27. v. CORNELIUS, b. at Chatham 10 Apr. 1722.

vi. REBECCA, b. 2 Mar. 1723/4; d. unm. about 1784.

9. CAPT. JOHN<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), of Eastham and later of Hartford, Conn., mariner, born at Eastham about the middle of Apr. 1692, died at Hartford 12 Dec. 1753. He married first, at Hartford, RACHEL OLCUTT, born at Hartford 28 Oct. 1701, died there 30 Dec. 1739, daughter of John and Mary (Blackleach) Olcott of Hartford; and secondly, prior to 1 Sept. 1752, HANNAH (WELLS) CALDER, widow of John Calder of Wethersfield, Conn., who survived her second husband, married thirdly, 12 May 1757, Dr. Niel McLean of Hartford, and was buried in the Gold Street Burial Ground 2 Feb. 1766.

His name occurs at Eastham in 1720, when the earmark for his cattle was entered; and he was described as "of Eastham" in a deed dated 17 July 1725, by which Peter Pratt conveyed to him a house and two acres of land in Hartford. In his new home he continued in his calling as mariner, owning vessels and making voyages as far as Barbados. Later he was described in a deed as "trader," and he had made extensive purchases of lands about Hartford, including a proprietor's





right. His first purchase of land continued to be his homestead and that of his descendants. It is opposite the little park now called the South Green, about three-fourths of a mile south from the business centre of Hartford. His farming lands, still farther out, are now mostly covered by apartment houses. At his death his inventory included eleven yoke of fat or working oxen and steers, and his will disposed of negro slaves, with the provision that one of them, named Sampson, should not be sold but should be comfortably supported during his natural life.

Children by first wife, born at Hartford:

- i. RACHEL,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 16 July 1727; d. 15 Feb. 1803; m. JOHN HAYNES LORD of Hartford, b. 13 Jan. 1725, d. in Mar. 1796. She was handsomely remembered in her father's will.  
Children (surname *Lord*), b. at Hartford, and all living 25 Apr. 1797 except Richard and James:
  1. *Elisha*, bapt. 25 Dec. 1748; m. Elizabeth ———, who d. in 1786, aged 32.
  2. *Mary*, bapt. 15 Apr. 1750.
  3. *Richard*, bapt. 14 June 1752; "blown up in the schoolhouse" 23 May 1766, and bur. the next day.
  4. *John Haynes*, bapt. 7 July 1754; d. in 1834.
  5. *James*, bapt. 16 Jan. 1757.
  6. *Frederick*, bapt. 15 Apr. 1759.
  7. *William*, bapt. 2 Aug. 1761.
  8. *Helena*, bapt. 20 Nov. 1763; m. Asa Allen, who d. 13 June 1814, aged 47. Several children.
  9. *Elizabeth*, b. 23 Jan. 1766; m. 19 Feb. 1791 Joshua Hathaway of Rome, N. Y., b. at Suffield, Conn., 13 Aug. 1761, d. at Rome 8 Dec. 1836.
  10. *Abigail*, bapt. 15 May 1768; m. David Porter.
- ii. JOHN, bapt. 11 May 1729; d. young.
- iii. JOHN, bapt. 2 Aug. 1730; d. young.
28. iv. SAMUEL, bapt. 1 Oct. 1732.
- v. REBECCA, bur. at Hartford 14 Nov. 1786, aged 51; m. 12 May 1758 CAPT. BENJAMIN PAYNE, Esq., b. in 1728, bur. 25 Jan. 1782. Captain Payne's estate was ordered distributed 26 July 1790, when his surviving children were William, Mary Ann, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Benjamin.  
Children (surname *Payne*), bapt. in the First Church, Hartford:
  1. *Catherine*, bapt. 8 July 1759; d. of smallpox; bur. 22 June 1777.
  2. *Mariana*, bapt. 5 Jan. 1761; d. unm.; bur. 5 Jan. 1797. Her estate was distributed 22 Oct. 1798 to William and Benjamin Payne, Elizabeth Edmunds, and the children of Rebecca Hopkins and Sarah Hopkins.
  3. *Rebecca*, bapt. 28 Mar. 1762; bur. 19 Sept. 1791; m. Dr. Asa Hopkins.
  4. *Elizabeth*, bapt. 17 Mar. 1765; m. William Edmunds, Esq.
  5. *Sarah*, bapt. 1 Feb. 1767; bur. 25 Dec. 1796; m. Dr. Daniel Hopkins, b. 8 Apr. 1762, brother of Asa Hopkins, the husband of her sister Rebecca.
  6. *William*, bapt. 5 Mar. 1769.
  7. *Benjamin*, bapt. 3 Feb. 1771.
- vi. MARY, bapt. 1 Apr. 1739; m. 3 Oct. 1761 ALEXANDER CHALKER of Eastbury (Glastonbury), Conn.

Children by second wife:

- vii. A DAUGHTER, b. 28 Mar. 1751, "stillborn."
- viii. JOHN, bapt. 12 Apr. 1752; d. 26 Nov. 1752.





10. CAPT. CORNELIUS<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham in Oct. 1695, died at Chatham (now East Hampton), Conn., 28 Dec. 1764. He married at Eastham, 23 Sept. 1723, ELIZABETH REMICK, born there 12 Sept. 1700, died at Chatham, Conn., in 1789, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Freeman) Remick of Eastham.

About 1736 he removed to Connecticut, his wife taking out letters of dismissal from the Eastham church in that year. He was called "of Hartford" 9 Apr. 1739, when he bought land at Middle Haddam Landing, afterwards Knowles's Landing, and was living there the same year. "About 1710 a family by the name of Goffe settled south of Middle Haddam Landing, who were the first English inhabitants in Middle Haddam. Capt. Cornelius Knowles, an early and respectable settler, built a house afterwards at the Landing directly upon the bank of the river, from whom that place and the surrounding neighborhood was long called Knowles's Landing."\* On 21 Feb. 1747 he purchased from Samuel Peiton of Hartford a dwelling house and warehouse on the east side of the Connecticut River.

He attended the General Court several times as agent for the inhabitants of Middle Haddam, during the movement which resulted in setting off that part of Middletown and Haddam as a parish by itself and later in chartering Chatham as a town. In 1744 he was commissioned as captain of the trainband. In 1747 the General Court granted to him and his heirs forever the Middle Haddam ferry privilege, but in May 1757, after the death of James Knowles, this privilege was given to Benjamin Harris of Middletown.

After Captain Knowles's death his widow and some of his daughters continued to occupy his house until the widow's death, and the final division of his estate was not reached until 2 Oct. 1790, when his heirs were two living daughters and the children of three deceased daughters.

Children:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>4</sup> d. 1 Nov. 1823, "aged 95 yrs." (church records of Portland, Conn.); m. (1) at Chatham, Conn., 2 Feb. 1748/9, SAMUEL FREEMAN, b. at Eastham 22 Nov. 1716, d. s.p. at Chatham, Conn., in 1749, son of Dea. Samuel and Mary (Paine) Freeman; m. (2) 5 Apr. 1753 JOHN SEARS; m. (3) in 1762 CORNET ISAAC COLTON, who had children by two earlier wives.  
Children by third husband (surname *Colton*):
  1. *Elizabeth*, b. 2 Apr. 1763.
  2. *James*, b. 25 Jan. 1765.
  3. *Elijah*, b. in 1767; living in Chatham in 1833. He was a soldier in the War of 1812.
- ii. MERCY, d. at Chatham, Conn., 29 June 1768, aged 38; m. at Chatham, 28 Dec. 1749, WILLIAM GREEN, b. at Barnstable, Mass., in July 1721, d. at Chatham, Conn., 15 Aug. 1775. He had two more children by a second wife.†  
Children (surname *Green*), b. at Chatham:
  1. *Mercy*, b. 12 July 1751; d. 12 Aug. 1752.

\*History of Middletown [Conn.], by Rev. David Dudley Field, D.D.

†Vide REGISTER, vol. 57, p. 19.





2. *Eunice*, b. 7 Jan. 1753; m. before 1772 Abijah Hall. Apparently Ruth Hall of Waterford, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and John Hall (who had a wife Sarah) of the same place were heirs in 1833 (East Hampton, Conn., Deeds, vol. 21, p. 14).
  - iii. JAMES, d. s.p. before 1766; m. at Chatham, Conn., 23 Mar. 1758, LYDIA HIGGINS, b. 9 Oct. 1737, d. at Haddam, Conn., 20 Nov. 1825, "aged 88," daughter of Israel and Ruth (Brown) Higgins. She m. (2) at Chatham, 1 Oct. 1766, David Smith, administration on whose estate was granted to his widow, Lydia, 4 Jan. 1773; she m. (3) before 6 Nov. 1775 William Brainard of Haddam; she m. (4) William Bradford. The name of James Knowles is listed in the Chatham militia in 1757.\*
  - iv. RUTH, bapt. at Hartford, Conn., 11 Sept. 1737; d. at Chatham, Conn., 4 Mar. 1786; m. at Chatham, 16 Jan. 1777, BENJAMIN HUNT of Long Island, who d. before his wife. Just before her marriage she bought out some of the other heirs to her father's house, and doubtless continued to live in it.  
Child (surname *Hunt*):  
1. *Rebecca*, of age and unm. in 1799.
  - v. JOHN, bapt. at Hartford, Conn., 4 Mar. 1738/9; d. young.
  - vi. JOHN, bapt. at Chatham, Conn., 28 Dec. 1740; d. before his father.
  - vii. REBECCA, bapt. at Chatham, Conn., 19 Dec. 1742; d. there 24 Jan. 1768; m. at Chatham, 13 Feb. 1766, WALLEY ADAMS from Falmouth, Mass., who removed to New Bedford, Mass. Heirship deeds disclose at least two children.  
Children (surname *Adams*):  
1. *Knowles*, of New Bedford, Mass., in 1799.  
2. *Sarah*, d. 4 Mar. 1853; m. before 1787 Nathaniel Doane, who became a prominent pioneer of Cleveland, Ohio. For children see the "Doane Book," pp. 187-188.
  - viii. THANKFUL, bapt. at Chatham, Conn., 12 Oct. 1745; m. at Chatham, 15 May 1764, ELISHA SHEPARD of Chatham; both lived to old age.  
Children (surname *Shepard*), b. at Chatham:  
1. *James*, b. 5 Apr. 1765.  
2. *Elisha*, b. 19 May 1767.  
3. *Cornelius*, b. 2 Apr. 1769.  
4. *Joel*, b. 31 July 1771; d. 5 Nov. 1771.  
5. *Seth*, b. 12 Nov. 1772; d. 11 Dec. 1772.  
6. *Joel*, b. 19 July 1774.  
7. *Seth*, b. 28 Oct. 1776.  
8. *Eli*, b. 14 Jan. 1779.  
9. *Chauncey*, b. 4 Oct. 1781.  
10. *Sally*, b. 24 May 1785.
11. AMOS<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham in 1702, died there 9 Dec. 1786. He married at Harwich, 29 Jan. 1729/30, REBECCA DILLINGHAM, who died at Eastham 3 Nov. 1772, daughter of John Dillingham of Harwich. His gravestone in the Orleans cemetery, which calls him "that benevolent man," states that he died 9 Dec. 1788, aged 87 years; but "1788" is an error, as the minister's record places his death in 1786 and his will was offered for probate 5 Jan. 1787.
- While evidently a man highly regarded, he was little in public office, except for a brief period as selectman. In his father's will he was given the homestead, and lived there all

\*There is only propinquity to show this young man's parentage. He could not have been a son of any other of the Cape Cod Knowleses in Connecticut, and he died before Capt. Cornelius's estate was distributed.





his life. His house, perhaps built by himself, is that now owned and occupied by Henry Knowles Cummings, and stands on the northeast side of the Town Cove road, nearly opposite the library. In his will he left this house to his daughter Rebecca Knowles, on condition that she should put in no bill against the estate for her services. To each of his sons, Amos and John, he left the land on which their houses stood. To Amos he left also "the old house field," described as northerly of the barn and adjoining Town Cove.

Children, born at Eastham:

29. i. AMOS,<sup>4</sup> b. 18 Dec. 1730.
- ii. LYDIA, b. 1 Aug. 1733; d. at Barnstable 16 Apr. 1764; m. at Eastham, 23 Dec. 1752, WILLIAM CROCKER, b. at Barnstable 8 Dec. 1730, d. there 3 May 1819, son of David and Abigail (Loring) Crocker of Barnstable. He married again after Lydia's death, and had six children by his second wife.

Children (surname *Crocker*), b. at Barnstable:

1. Abigail, b. 15 Mar. 1754.
2. David, b. 23 Aug. 1755.
3. Temperance, b. 2 Jan. 1763.
- iii. REBECCA, b. 20 Apr. 1736; d. at Truro; m. (intention recorded 15 Nov. 1783) DEACON JOSHUA FREEMAN, b. 4 July 1717, d. at Truro 22 Sept. 1795. Deacon Freeman had a family by a former wife, but he outlived all his children. By his will he left his estate in fourths, one share to each of his three daughters' heirs and one share to his wife's nephew, Richard Knowles (29, ix). The widow died intestate, and one-half of the personal estate of herself and husband was delivered to her brother, John Knowles (31), in behalf of all her heirs-at-law. Part of the real estate left to her by her father was inventoried as Deacon Freeman's property; but her father's house and "Rebecca Knowles's orchard," in which a few apple and pear trees are still standing on the opposite side of the road from the house, had become the property of her brother John some years previously.

- iv. RUTH, b. 10 Dec. 1738; m. at Eastham, 10 Feb. 1758, JOSEPH SMITH, 3d, of Eastham. By deed dated 29 Oct. 1785 her father conveyed to them a five-acre lot of land on which their house already stood. This land had been granted to Jeremiah Smith in 1712, and, as granted, it occupied nearly one-third of a mile on the west or northwest shore of Town Cove, covering the distance between Jeremiah Smith's other land and the original Knowles land. "Jeremiah's Gutter," the present town bound between Orleans and Eastham, ran through Jeremiah Smith's other land. The homestead of Joseph and Ruth Smith was conveyed to their son-in-law, Nathaniel Nickerson, in whose family it continued.

Children (surname *Smith*), b. at Eastham:

1. Mercy, b. 17 May 1759.
2. Temperance, b. 1 June 1762.
3. Ruth, b. 1 Sept. 1764.
4. Knowles, b. 11 Apr. 1767; d. at Eastham 25 July 1769.
5. Dean, b. 20 Jan. 1769.
6. Lydia, b. 3 Apr. 1771.
7. Rebecca, bapt. 19 Sept. 1773; d. at Orleans 28 Feb. 1850, æt. 77; m. (1) (intention recorded at Orleans, 25 Feb. 1795) William<sup>6</sup> Knowles (20, iv, 1), b. at Eastham 23 Jan. 1770, d. in 1808, son of David<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Homer) Knowles; m. (2) (intention recorded at Yarmouth, 15 Apr. 1810) Benjamin Homer, 2d, of Yarmouth, who d. at Yarmouth 4 Mar. 1834, in his 55th year, administration on his estate being granted in 1834 to his stepson, William<sup>7</sup> Knowles; m. (3) at Yarmouth, 13 Jan. 1840, Nathaniel Nickerson of





Orleans, son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Burgess) Nickerson and widower of her sister Azubah (11, iv, 9). One son, William, by first husband.

8. *Sarah*, bapt. 19 Nov. 1775.
9. *Azubah*, bapt. 5 Apr. 1779; d. at Orleans 16 July 1829; m. at Orleans, 23 Sept. 1798, Nathaniel Nickerson of Orleans, son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Burgess) Nickerson, who survived her and m. at Yarmouth, 13 Jan. 1840, her sister, Rebecca (Smith) (Knowles) Homer (11, iv, 7), *q.v.* They had children.
30. v. ISAAC, b. in that part of Eastham which is now the town of Orleans, 3 June 1741.
- vi. RACHEL, b. 15 Jan. 1742/3; d. 21 May 1777; m. at Eastham, 18 Sept. 1766, GIDEON BATY, son of Samuel and Mary Baty of Eastham. After Rachel's death he married again.  
Children (surname *Baty*), beneficiaries in their Grandfather Knowles's will:
  1. *Sally*, b. 29 Aug. 1768; d. 26 July 1769.
  2. *Gideon*, b. 4 Dec. 1770.
  3. *Rachel*, b. 21 Sept. 1773.
- vii. RICHARD, b. 22 Sept. 1746; d. *s.p.* at Eastham 11 Mar. 1781. His brother John administered his estate in 1787, while executing his father's will, and the amount of the inventory was accounted for to the father's estate as sole heir. Richard Knowles was a trader or storekeeper. He served several years as town treasurer, and was also town clerk shortly before his death.
31. viii. JOHN, b. in that part of Eastham which is now the town of Orleans, 1 June 1749.

12. CAPT. JAMES<sup>3</sup> KNOWLES (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), master mariner, born at Eastham about 1705, died at Wethersfield, Conn., 10 Oct. 1765, in his 60th year. He married MARTHA ALLYN, born 22 Oct. 1710, died at Pittsfield, Mass., 19 June 1786, "æ. nearly 76," daughter of Joseph Allyn of Wethersfield.

The earliest record of him is his autograph as a witness to a deed dated 29 Mar. 1727. Like his brothers, he settled first in Hartford, Conn., where in 1735 he bought land next adjoining his brother John's land; but within two years he removed to Wethersfield, where he acquired considerable real estate and incidentally was a slaveholder. He left no will, but by a court order his property was distributed among his widow and surviving children. Martha Knowles and James Knowles appear in the list of Wethersfield contributors for the aid of the Boston sufferers at the beginning of the Revolution.

Children, born at Wethersfield:

32. i. JAMES,<sup>4</sup> "eldest son."
- ii. CAPT. CHARLES, d. unm. at Marietta, Ohio, in 1796. He was an officer in the Revolution and an original member of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, organized 9 June 1783. Drake's "Biographical Notices" (1873) says of him: "Charles Knowles, James, an officer in the Revolutionary navy, and Martha, who m. John Strong, were children of Capt. James and Martha (Stillman) Knowles of Wethersfield, Conn. Soon after the battle of Lexington, Charles joined Capt. Meigs's Co. in Middletown, Conn., and marched to Cambridge; was com. lieut. in Knox's artillery regiment in 1776; lieut. and paymaster in Crane's artillery regiment 1 Jan. 1777; 1st lieut. 1 Aug. 1778; capt.-lieut. 13 Sept. 1780; and finally, closing his paymaster's accounts in 1785, went to Ohio, where he was on the first jury at Marietta in 1788, and d. unm. in 1796." He was one of the signers of the





original petition of officers in the Continental Line of the Army, dated 16 June 1783, for starting an English settlement in the territory west of Pennsylvania, signing himself "Charles Knowles, Capt., Artillery, Mass."

- iii. SAMUEL, d. unm. in 1789. His administration bond, dated 7 Apr. 1789, was signed by Joseph Flower and John Francis.
- iv. JOHN, b. about 1747; d. 24 May 1766, according to his gravestone at Wethersfield. He lost his life because of the blowing up of the schoolhouse at Hartford, 23 May 1766.
- v. MARTHA, m. (intention recorded at Pittsfield, Mass., 2 Mar. 1776) CAPT. JOHN STRONG, B.A. (Yale, 1766), b. at Westfield, Mass., 13 Oct. 1742, d. at Albany, N. Y., in July 1826. He was a lawyer at Pittsfield, Mass., when the Revolution came on, and distinguished himself as a patriot. (Cf. Yale Biographies, vol. 3, p. 202.) Children (surname *Strong*), b. at Pittsfield, Mass.:
  - 1. *Charles Knowles*, m. at Nassau, N. Y., about 1805, Abigail Adams. Five children.
  - 2. *Martha*, d. 16 Sept. 1779, æt. 14 months.
  - 3. *Joseph*, m. in 1817 Elizabeth Cole of Albany, N. Y. Nine children.
  - 4. *John*, d. unm.
  - 5. *Hannah*, m. at Kinderhook, N. Y., about 1804, Darius Phillips. They had children.
  - 6. *Otis*.
  - 7. *A child*, d. in 1787.
  - 8. *Martha*, bapt., with all her older brothers and sisters, 17 Aug. 1789; m. at Kinderhook, N. Y., about 1805, James Vanderburgh of Troy, N. Y. Seven children.
  - 9. *Mary*, bapt. 17 Apr. 1791.
  - 10. *James*, bapt. in 1794; m. at Tiffin, Ohio, Sally Strong.

[To be continued]

## JOHN HOUGHTON OF LANCASTER, MASS., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

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THE Houghtons of Lancaster\* were a very numerous race. The civil and military services of the early members of the family, their ownership of lands, and their residences have been recorded in many printed local histories, notably in those of Lancaster and adjoining towns, and it is not proposed to repeat them here. Some confusion and wrong identifications are found in the previously published accounts, which it may be worth while to correct in a later contribution to the history of the family; but this article is confined to an attempt to trace some of the descendants of John Houghton, the earliest known ancestor of this Lancaster family, and to correct several errors about them that have appeared in recent publications.

\*All places mentioned in this article are situated within the present limits of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unless another State or region is indicated in the text or may be easily inferred from the context.





Genealogical Society, of which he was a member for almost forty-two years, will receive the testator's books relating to New England history and genealogy and also the sum of \$2,000, the income of which is to be used annually in procuring books for its library.

## THE KNOWLES FAMILY OF EASTHAM, MASS.

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13. DEA. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Dea. Edward,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born at Eastham 1 Apr. 1702, died there, of "meacles and fever," 2 Mar. 1769. He married at Eastham, 6 Aug. 1722, ELIZABETH SNOW, born at Eastham 18 Oct. 1703, died there 2 Sept. 1769, daughter of Jabez and Elizabeth (Treat) Snow of Eastham.

Thomas Knowles succeeded his father as deacon of the Eastham church and preceded his brother Edward as town clerk. In 1741 Thomas Knowles of Eastham, coaster, sold a one hundred and twentieth part of Narragansett Township No. 7 (now Gorham, Me.), granted to the soldiers in the Narragansett War, "which said lot or share I derived from my Honored Father, Edward Knowles, who was the eldest son of my honored grandfather, John Knowles, who was one of said soldiers." (York Deeds, vol. 27, p. 68.) He received by will from his father "all the land I bought of the heirs of James Mayo and all the land thereunto adjoining, and half of all my meadow and two-thirds of all my woodland, with the privilege to make hay on the lower end of my land bordering on the creek on which Mr. Samuel Doane's mill stands." His real estate, including his "shop," went to his only son Henry, by an agreement among the children; and, on Henry's removal, twenty years later, to Maine, it is conjectured that he sold it to his cousin, Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Knowles (14, ii), whose house at Long Pond was very old.

Children, born at Eastham:

- i. ABIGAIL,<sup>5</sup> b. 21 Sept. 1727; d. at Eastham 26 Sept. 1727.
- ii. HENRY, b. 30 Aug. 1729; died at what is now Bar Harbor, Me., after 1810; m. (1) at Eastham, 30 Aug. 1749, his second cousin, MARY<sup>5</sup> KNOWLES (19, ii), b. at Eastham 29 Dec. 1730, d. there 1 Sept. 1772, daughter of James and Ann (Doane) Knowles; m. (2) (intention recorded at Eastham, 29 June 1776) PHEBE COOK of Eastham. About the year 1785, when his youngest son was about five years old, he migrated to Mount Desert Island, Me. Several families of Higgses, at least two families of Youngs, and a Mayo family had preceded him thither. The Knowles family lived with the family of Levi Higgins while their own house was being built — probably a log cabin, near the foot of Ireson's Hill, at Hull's Cove in the town of Bar Harbor (formerly the town of Eden), about





half a mile north from Levi Higgins's dwelling and about four miles from the present village of Bar Harbor. Only his younger children are thought to have been in his family when he left Eastham.

Children by first wife, b. at Eastham:

1. *Frances*,<sup>6</sup> b. 8 Jan. 1749/50.
2. *Phebe*, b. 26 Oct. 1751; probably m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 12 Apr. 1777) Heman Atwood of Eastham.
3. *Henry*, b. 26 Feb. 1753; d. at Eastham 7 Mar. 1753.
4. *Henry*, b. 3 Sept. 1754; d. at sea 20 Oct. 1774.
5. *Nathaniel*, b. 12 Mar. 1757; d. 21 Feb. 1759.
6. *Sarah*, b. 2 Aug. 1759.
7. *Mary*, b. 9 Apr. 1761; d. at Perry, N. Y., 25 Sept. 1844; m. 12 Nov. 1780 Ebenezer Higgins of Haddam, Conn. Eight children, one of whom was Henry Knowles Higgins.
8. *Thomas*, b. 9 Mar. 1763; d. young.
9. *Nathaniel*, b. 26 Apr. 1765.
10. *Azuba*, b. in 1767; d. 16 Apr. 1860; m. at Eden, Me., 30 Dec. 1787, Elkanah Higgins, and later removed to Fairfield, Me. Nine children.
11. *Thomas*, b. in Nov. 1771; m. Joanna ———. He is said to have been a sailor and to have died at Norfolk, Va.

Children by second wife:

12. *Mercy*, b. at Eastham 29 June 1777; d. 30 Mar. 1841; m. 17 May 1810 Simeon Hadley of West Eden, Me. Nine children.
  13. *Abigail*, b. at Eastham 16 Feb. 1779; m. Ebenezer Salisbury, Jr. They lived at Salisbury's Cove, Bar Harbor. Nine children.
  14. *Henry*, b. at Eastham 5 Sept. 1780; m. Rebecca Kettle. They lived on the homestead at Hull's Cove, Bar Harbor. Seven children.
  15. *Fanny*, m. Ephraim Salisbury, and lived at Hull's Cove, Bar Harbor. Four children.
  16. *Desire*, m. in 1806 Thomas Mayo. They lived at West Eden, Bar Harbor. Seven children.
- iii. ANNE, b. 25 Aug. 1731; m. at Eastham, 10 Jan. 1750/1, DR. NATHANIEL BREED, born at Lynn 22 July 1728. From Eastham they removed to Sudbury, and in 1768 were pioneers in what became the town of Nelson, N. H.

Children (surname *Breed*), the first five b. at Eastham:

1. *Nathaniel*, b. 4 June 1753.
  2. *Deliverance*, b. 6 May 1755; m. at Nelson, N. H., 28 Oct. 1772, Abijah Brown.
  3. *Abigail*, b. 30 May 1756; d. at Eastham in Mar. 1759.
  4. *John*, b. 14 Oct. 1757.
  5. *Thomas Knowles*, b. 10 Apr. 1761; m. 15 Dec. 1791 Polly Keys of Nelson, N. H.
  6. *Abigail*, b. at Nelson, N. H., 16 June 1769.
  7. *Anne*, b. at Nelson, N. H., 30 Jan. 1773.
- iv. THOMAS, b. 10 May 1733; d. at Eastham 13 June 1734.  
v. ABIGAIL, b. 8 Mar. 1735.  
vi. THOMAS (twin), b. 13 Sept. 1738; d. 14 Nov. 1739.  
vii. BETTY (twin), b. 13 Sept. 1738.

14. DEA. EDWARD<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Dea. Edward*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 3 Feb. 1713/14, died there 5 Dec. 1799. He married first, at Eastham, 29 May 1734, ANN (DOANE) KNOWLES, born in 1706, died at Eastham 1 Aug. 1777, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Doane and widow of Dea. Edward<sup>4</sup> Knowles's first cousin, James<sup>4</sup> Knowles (19), *q.v.*; secondly, at Wellfleet, 7 May 1778, EUNICE (——) HARDING, who





died at Eastham 27 Sept. 1780; and thirdly (intention recorded at Eastham, 27 June 1781) LYDIA (——) BERRY of Harwich, who is mentioned in his will.

Dea. Edward Knowles was an outstanding citizen of Eastham and was accorded high respect during an abnormally long life. He was the first to introduce into Eastham the manufacture of salt by solar evaporation. Following in his father's footsteps, he was deacon of the Eastham church and town clerk and treasurer for many years.

The situation of his house lot is beyond question, and his house was in all likelihood the one that his father left to him, especially as it was doubtless very old. It disappeared before living memory. But there should be borne in mind two other ancient houses in the same neighborhood, that of his son Benjamin and an old house, associated with the family, which stood on "the island," between Long and Great Ponds, west of the railway.

Children by first wife, born at Eastham:

- i. SARAH,<sup>5</sup> b. 7 Mar. 1734/5; d. at Falmouth in Dec. 1775; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 28 Sept. 1754) SOLOMON HATCH of Falmouth.
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. 19 Feb. 1736/7; d. at Eastham 16 Dec. 1810; m. at Eastham, 17 Feb. 1763, MARY BROWN, b. at Eastham 21 July 1741, d. there 1 Aug. 1824, daughter of George and Alice (Freeman) Brown of Eastham. His name occurs in many real-estate transactions, often relating to lands held in common between himself and the heirs of his brother, Elijah Knowles, Esq., after the latter's death. Postcard pictures of his house, which was taken down about twenty years ago, indicate that it was built some time earlier than his own period. It was a fine example of the old Cape Cod double house, and, long before it was taken down, it showed its extreme age, by its floors being akimbo and in other ways. It stood facing the south, near the eastern or north-eastern shore of Long Pond, otherwise "the freshwater pond," which is crossed by the railroad, at Eastham Centre.

Children, b. at Eastham:

1. Obed,<sup>6</sup> b. 28 Aug. 1764; d. at Eastham 7 Apr. 1765.
2. Obed, b. 24 July 1766; d. at Eastham 23 Dec. 1833; m. (1) (intention recorded at Eastham, 6 Apr. 1793) Abigail Doane, b. 21 Mar. 1771, d. 30 June 1804; m. (2) Sarah Higgins, who died 17 May 1816, aged 42; m. (3) Fanny ———, who d. at Eastham 7 May 1818, aged 24; m. (4) at Eastham, in Apr. 1819, his third cousin, Bethiah (Knowles) (Mayo) Bangs (20, x, 3), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham 9 Aug. 1781, d. there 12 Sept. 1840, daughter of Seth<sup>5</sup> and Hannah (Hatch) Knowles and widow successively of Henry Mayo and Lyman Bangs. He removed down the Cape to North Eastham, where his house is now owned by Russell Higgins. Two children by first wife, five children by second wife, and one child by third wife.
3. George, b. 14 May 1768; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 9 Dec. 1790) Betty Smith. He removed to the Penobscot, where the United States Census of 1810 shows him at Hampden, with eight children in his household.
4. Alice, b. 26 June 1770; d. 30 Dec. 1771.
5. Edward, b. 15 Sept. 1772; d. young.
6. Benjamin, b. 29 Sept. 1774; d. before Mar. 1813; m. at Eastham, 3 Dec. 1801, Alice Doane, daughter of Nehemiah and Lydia (Dill) Doane. Two children.





7. *Edward*, b. 25 Mar. 1776; m. at Eastham, in Mar. 1813, Alice (Doane) Knowles, widow of his brother Benjamin. Two children.
  8. *Freeman*, b. 20 Sept. 1778; d. at Eastham 21 June 1827; m. Fanny Smith, b. in that part of Eastham which is now Orleans, in 1775, d. in Boston 10 June 1849, daughter of Nathan and Mary (Freeman) Smith. He received by his father's will the ancient house which was long occupied by the widow of his son Nathan S. Knowles. The homestead was allotted by the judge of probate to Nathan S. and Franklin Knowles, who were to pay to the other children their shares. Seven children, of whom five survived him.
  9. *Mary*, b. 25 Nov. 1780; not named in her father's will.
  10. *Lydia*, b. 1 May 1783; d. at Eastham 11 Sept. 1848, æt. 64; m. at Eastham, 23 Dec. 1804, her third cousin, Joshua<sup>6</sup> Knowles (20, vi, 5), b. at Eastham 17 Oct. 1777, d. there 11 Jan. 1831, son of John and Susannah (Walker) Knowles. Eight children.
- iii. **HANNAH**, b. 16 Apr. 1739; d. at Brookfield 26 June 1829; m. at Eastham, 31 Aug. 1764, **DAVID DOANE**, b. at Eastham 11 Dec. 1740, d. at Brookfield 19 May 1812, son of John and Mary (Brown) Doane.
- Children (surname Doane):
1. *Nathaniel*, b. 20 June 1765; lost at sea, m. 12 Feb. 1785 Phebe Wiley of Eastham.
  2. *Edward*, d. 16 Feb. 1767.
  3. *Anne*, b. 22 Mar. 176—; d. at North Brookfield 8 Sept. 1859; m. (1) 3 Jan. 1788 Josiah Mayo of Eastham; m. (2) 17 Feb. 1814 Ezra Batcheller of North Brookfield.
  4. *Mercy*, b. 3 July 1770; m. William Smith.
  5. *Mary*, b. 19 Jan. 1773; d. unm. at Brookfield 7 Oct. 1860.
  6. *Priscilla*, b. 25 June 1775; d. at Rockland, Me., 23 Aug. 1858; m. John Barnard.
  7. *Hannah*, b. 27 May 1780; d. at North Brookfield 24 Mar. 1812; m. 1 Nov. 1811 Philemon Ross.
  8. *Sarah*, m. Maj. John Matthews.
- iv. **EDWARD**, b. 22 Aug. 1741; d. at sea 21 Feb. 1771; m. at Eastham, 9 Sept. 1767, **PHEBE WALKER**, b. 3 Aug. 1745, daughter of John Walker of Eastham. His father administered his estate.
- Child:
1. *Hannah*,<sup>6</sup> b. 4 Sept. 1769. One Hannah Knowles m. at Eastham (intention recorded at Eastham, 5 Nov. 1791) Nathaniel Smith. Later there lived at Eastham one Edward K. Smith, son of one Nathaniel Smith. Cf. *infra*, 14, v, 1.
- v. **THOMAS**, b. 30 Jan. 1743/4; m. (1) at Eastham, 26 Jan. 1764, **THANKFUL CROSBY** of Harwich, who d. at Harwich 19 Nov. 1770; m. (2) **AZUBAH CLARK** of Harwich. In 1779 he was still "of Harwich," and with capital borrowed from his father bought lands in Holden, Worcester Co., Mass., where the United States Census of 1790 showed him with six children in his household. In 1817 he was living in the town of Ward (now Auburn), as were also a Thomas Knowles, Jr., and an Elijah Knowles.
- Children by first wife:
1. *Hannah*,<sup>6</sup> b. 22 Aug. 1765. According to Dr. Dwight Smith she m. Nathaniel Smith and d. at Sandisfield in 1857, aged 92.
  2. *Azubah*, b. 9 Apr. 1767; d. 13 June 1767.
  3. *A daughter*.
  4. *Edward*, bapt. at Harwich in Mar. 1770; d. at Eastham 18 Feb. 1771.
- Perhaps others.
- Children by second wife:





5. *Thomas*, { bapt. in the First Parish of Harwich (now Brewster) 16 July 1775, when their mother was received into the church.
  6. *Thankful*, {
  7. *Nathan*, bapt. in the First Parish of Harwich (now Brewster) 12 Oct. 1776.
  8. *Sally*, bapt. in the First Parish of Harwich (now Brewster) 28 Mar. 1779.
- vi. *ELIJAH*, b. 6 Feb. 1747/8; d. at Eastham 18 Dec. 1795; m. at Eastham, 2 Apr. 1774, *REBECCA HARDING*, who was living in 1830. His short life was full of honors. At the time of his death he was town clerk and treasurer, and had been for ten years representative from Eastham in the General Court. As justice of the peace he was much employed by the people of the town. His father's homestead was given him by will, and by his own will he left it to his son Harding.
- Children, b. at Eastham:
1. *Maj. Henry*,<sup>6</sup> house carpenter, b. 20 July 1775; d. at Orleans, from blood poisoning caused by a rusty nail, 13 Apr. 1838; m. (1) 8 May 1800 *Betsey Doane*, b. 28 Nov. 1773, d. at Eastham 10 Feb. 1805; m. (2) in Jan. 1806 his third cousin once removed, *Hannah (Knowles) Smith* (24, ix), b. at Eastham 4 Oct. 1764, d. s.p. 16 Feb. 1816, daughter of *Seth*<sup>4</sup> and *Ruth (Freeman) Knowles* of Eastham and widow of *Barnabas Smith* of Eastham; m. (3) 30 July 1816 *Didamia (Doane) Rowe* of Chatham, b. 9 Mar. 1788, d. at Charlestown 15 Nov. 1871, widow of *John Rowe*, who was b. 16 Mar. 1788 and d. at sea in 1814, leaving two daughters. *Henry Knowles* was a major in the militia. His house stood in the southern part of Orleans Village, on the south side of the byroad (formerly the post road) leading to the *John Doane* place, and was marked "Dr. T. Wilson" on the Barnstable County map of 1858. This house stood on land belonging to the father of his second wife, south of the road and opposite to the father-in-law's homestead; and on the death of his second wife without issue *Maj. Henry Knowles* bought in this land from her heirs in sevenths. Three children by first wife and two children by third wife.
  2. *Anna*, b. 26 Aug. 1777.
  3. *Harding*, b. 25 Oct. 1779; d. at Eastham 11 July 1826; m. (1) at Eastham, 2 Jan. 1803, his third cousin, *Margery Knowles* (20, iv, 5), b. at Eastham, d. 31 May 1816, in her 37th year, daughter of *David*<sup>5</sup> and *Elizabeth (Homer) Knowles*; m. (2) at Eastham, in Oct. 1816, *Betsey Knowles* (20, iv, 4), b. at Eastham in 1776, d. in the poorhouse there 29 Apr. 1853, aged 78, sister of his first wife and perhaps widow of his brother *Elijah Knowles* (14, vi, 4). He followed in his father's footsteps as justice of the peace, and was a representative in the General Court four years, including the year of his death, which was caused by a fall from his mill. Although he was given his father's and grandfather's house, his name was associated with the old house, no longer standing, between Great Pond and the railroad. Four children by first wife (one of whom, *Elijah E.*<sup>7</sup> *Knowles, Esq.*, was also a representative in the General Court and d. s.p.) and one child by second wife.
  4. *Elijah*, b. 1 Jan. 1782; d. at Eastham 3 Jan. 1808; m. (1) at Eastham, in Feb. 1805, *Betsey Atkins Collins*, who d. 28 Oct. 1805, aged 19; m. (2) *Elizabeth* ———, perhaps the *Betsey Knowles* who married at Eastham, in Oct. 1816, as his second wife, *Harding Knowles* (14, vi, 3), brother of this *Elijah*. Administration on the estate of *Elijah Knowles* was granted 15 Oct. 1815 to *Harding Knowles, Esq.*, who, it is thought, married his brother's widow, the sister of his first wife.





5. *Elizabeth*, b. 5 Aug. 1784; m. at Eastham, 4 Dec. 1803, her third cousin once removed, Jesse Myrick, son of Isaac and Mercy (Knowles) Myrick (cf. 15, i, 2). They had children.
6. *Lucy*, b. 5 Apr. 1786.
7. *Phebe*, b. 21 June 1788; m. at Eastham, in Feb. 1808, Scotto Cobb of Eastham. They had children.

15. JOSHUA<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Col. John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 6 July 1696, died there 27 May 1786. He married first, at Eastham, SARAH PAINE, born 14 Apr. 1699, died 12 July 1772, daughter of Dea. John and Bennett (Freeman) Paine; and secondly, 27 Dec. 1774, PHEBE (——) ATWOOD of Truro.

An earmark for his cattle, 26 Oct. 1719, first brings him to light. He was a typical Cape Codder, active both by land and sea, in farming and in fishing, and especially successful in taking dogfish and other fish on which there was a bounty. He was selectman several terms. It is not improbable that he established his homestead on the north side of Town Cove, the next of the Knowleses to settle there after his Uncle Edward. His lands adjoined the north side of his brother Willard's land, and his house may have stood as far north as that afterwards occupied by Rev. Philander Shaw. His four sons all died early, three of them prior to his own death, and left families. His house was occupied for many years by three widows, his own and those of his sons Jesse and Josiah.

Children, born at Eastham:

- i. JESSE,<sup>5</sup> b. 13 Apr. 1723; d. at Eastham before 1778; m. at Eastham, 30 Jan. 1752, SARAH WALKER of Eastham, b. at Eastham 25 Jan. 1723/4, probably the Widow Sarah Knowles who d. at Orleans in 1816, "aged 96," daughter of John and Mercy (Brown) Walker.

Children, b. at Eastham:

1. *John*,<sup>6</sup> b. 3 Feb. 1753.
2. *Mercy*, b. 2 Apr. 1755; d. 7 May 1837; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 6 July 1776) Isaac Myrick. Eight children, one of whom was Jesse Myrick, who m. his third cousin once removed, Elizabeth Knowles (14, vi, 5), *q.v.*, daughter of Elijah<sup>5</sup> and Rebecca (Harding) Knowles.
3. *Hannah*, b. 8 Feb. 1757.
4. *Sarah*, b. 25 Nov. 1758; d. at Orleans 14 Apr. 1851, "æt 92 years 5 months;" m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 7 Apr. 1792) Dea. Abial Cole of Eastham, who d. 19 Aug. 1805.
5. *Joshua*, b. 6 Apr. 1763.
6. *Mehitable*, b. 6 Jan. 1765.
- ii. REBECCA, b. 23 May 1726; d. at Orleans 23 Nov. 1809. She was published at the age of fifteen to Thomas Holker, Jr., but the bans were forbidden by her father, and she m. at Eastham, 15 Jan. 1746/7, ISAAC SPARROW, b. at Eastham 4 Apr. 1725, d. there 19 June 1808, son of Richard and Hannah (Shaw) Sparrow. Children (surname Sparrow), b. at Eastham:
  1. *Richard*, b. 5 Dec. 1747.
  2. *Sarah*, b. 13 Sept. 1749; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 17 Dec. 1773) Heman Linnell of Eastham.
  3. *Isaac*, b. 7 June 1752; lost at sea in 1775.
  4. *Mercy*, b. 25 Apr. 1754.
  5. *Rebecca*, b. 2 Oct. 1756; d. at Orleans 5 Apr. 1848, "aged 92 yrs. 4 mos.;" m. at Eastham, 4 Nov. 1773, Thomas Arey, who d. at Orleans 18 Feb. 1816, aged 65.





6. *Josiah*, b. 10 Feb. 1759; d. at Orleans 14 July 1849; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 17 Nov. 1781) *Mercy Smith* of Chatham, who d. at Orleans 18 July 1845.
  7. *Hannah*, b. 8 Dec. 1761; d. in 1828; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 1 Nov. 1783) her third cousin once removed, *Dr. Abiather<sup>5</sup> Knowles* (24, vii), b. at Eastham 5 Feb. 1760, d. at Hampden, Me., after 1795, son of Seth and Ruth (Freeman) Knowles. They had children (*vide infra*, 24, vii).
  8. *Elizabeth*, b. 12 Aug. 1764; d. 25 Apr. 1844; m. at Eastham, 5 Jan. 1789, *William Freeman* of Harwich, who d. at Sandisfield 30 May 1847.
- iii. *SARAH*, b. 10 Mar. 1727/8; d. young.
- iv. *JOSHUA*, of Truro, carpenter, b. 27 Apr. 1730; d. at North Truro 7 May 1779; m. at Truro, 23 May 1754, *MARY HARDING*, b. at Truro 15 Apr. 1735, d. there 12 June 1801, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Young) Harding of Truro.
- Children, b. at Truro:
1. *Mehitable<sup>6</sup>*, b. 28 Feb. 1755; d. at Truro 24 Sept. 1785; m. at Truro, 17 Nov. 1774, *Ephraim Lombard*.
  2. *Joshua*, of Truro, carpenter, b. 4 Nov. 1756; d. at Truro 8 Mar. 1822; m. at Truro, 21 Dec. 1780, *Hannah Atkins*.  
Six children.
  3. *Nathaniel*, b. 22 Sept. 1758; d. at sea 18 June 1783.
  4. *Martha*, b. 24 Dec. 1760; m. at Truro, 21 Apr. 1785, *David Dyer* of Truro.
  5. *Rebecca*, b. 13 July 1763; m. at Truro, 2 Nov. 1786, *Solomon Lombard*.
  6. *Sarah*, b. 18 Nov. 1766; d. unm. at Truro 24 Apr. 1816.
  7. *Hannah*, b. 25 Jan. 1769; survived her husband; m. at Truro, 10 Aug. 1789, her second cousin, *Paul<sup>6</sup> Knowles* (18, iv, 1), *q.v.*, b. at Truro 24 June 1762, drowned off Cohasset 25 Dec. 1804, son of Paul and Mary (Atkins) (Dyer) Knowles. Six children.
  8. *Jesse*, b. 24 Jan. 1771; d. at Truro 28 Mar. 1816; m. (intention recorded at Truro, 15 Dec. 1797) *Sarah Creed*.
  9. *Mary*, b. 29 Apr. 1773.
  10. *Susanna*, bapt. at Truro 28 Apr. 1776; m. there, 20 Feb. 1795, *John Thomas* of Truro.
- v. *SARAH*, b. 3 June 1732; d. 16 May 1816; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 17 Sept. 1757) *ELKANAH HIGGINS*, b. 12 Nov. 1729, d. at Eastham 4 Nov. 1815, son of Ebenezer and Abigail (Cole) Higgins of Eastham. For children see the Higgins Genealogy, p. 160.
- vi. *JOSIAH*, b. 24 May 1735; d. before 14 Sept. 1786; m. at Eastham, 29 Oct. 1761, *REBECCA HIGGINS*, b. at Eastham 1 May 1734, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Mayo) Higgins of Eastham. The Widow Rebecca Knowles was appointed 14 Sept. 1786 guardian of Josiah and Rebecca, children of Josiah Knowles, deceased.
- Children, b. at Eastham:
1. *Elkanah<sup>6</sup>*, b. 8 Dec. 1762.
  2. *Josiah*, b. 23 July 1766.
  3. *Alice*, b. 13 Sept. 1769.
  4. *Rebecca*, b. 24 Sept. 1774.
- vii. *SIMEON*, b. 11 Aug. 1737; d. at Eastham between 31 Dec. 1787, when his will was dated, and 29 Aug. 1788, when it was proved; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 12 Aug. 1758) *EUNICE MAYO*, who d. at Hardwick 5 Apr. 1819, aged 79, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Higgins) Mayo of Eastham.
- Children, b. at Eastham (order of births uncertain):
1. *Susanna<sup>6</sup>*, m. at Eastham, in Nov. 1778, *Zobeth Higgins*.
  2. *Theophilus*, d. at Eastham, naming in his will, 1806, his wife *Jerusha* and five children.





3. *Simeon*, carpenter, b. about 1766; d. at Hardwick 22 Aug. 1823, aged 57; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 10 Nov. 1787) *Priscilla Doane*, b. at Eastham 7 Dec. 1762, d. at Hardwick 5 Feb. 1839, daughter of Noah and Bethiah Doane of Eastham. In 1783, while still "of Eastham," he bought a farm in Hardwick. The Knowleses of Worcester are his descendants.
  4. *Eunice*,
  5. *Lavinia*,
  6. *Dilla*,
  7. *Sarah*,
  8. *Elisha*,
  9. *Elizabeth*,
  10. *Phebe*,
  11. *Jesse*, b. at Eastham before 1784; under age at the date of his father's will, 31 Dec. 1787; d. at Eastham 21 Feb. 1816; m. at Eastham, in Apr. 1811, *Polly Freeman Doane*, b. at Eastham 6 Mar. 1790, d. at Swampscott 21 Aug. 1862, daughter of Prince and Thankful (Young) Doane of Eastham. Three children.
- viii. *SUSANNA*, b. 21 Mar. 1740; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 11 Apr. 1760) *ZOBETH SMITH*.

16. **LIEUT. JOHN<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES** (*Col. John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 28 June 1698, died at Haddam, Conn., 22 Sept. 1752. He married at Eastham, in 1721, *MEHITABLE WALKER* of Eastham, born in 1700, died at Haddam 11 Oct. 1752. The gravestones of Lieutenant Knowles and his wife remain in a fine state of preservation in the cemetery near the old court house, now the town hall, in Haddam.

Like Capt. John Knowles of Hartford, he was still "late of Eastham" when he made his first purchase of land in Connecticut, 1 May 1741, namely, 120 acres "on the west side of the Great River in a place known by the name Chestnut Hill." Among the abutters was Elisha Cone. On this land he and his three sons after him lived out their lives, and on it some of his descendants are living at the present time. It is situated in that part of Haddam called Ponsett, concerning which Rev. William C. Knowles, a descendant, has written a most valuable book, entitled "By-Gone Days in Ponsett-Haddam." The Knowles homestead, at the father's death, was divided by his will equally among the three sons, his own house to William, to Elisha the house he lived in, and to Richard the house he lived in.

#### Children:

- i. *ELISHA*,<sup>5</sup> d. at Haddam in Feb. 1801; m. *ABIGAIL CONE*, daughter of Capt. Caleb Cone, who had two wives.  
Children, b. at Haddam:
  1. *James*,<sup>6</sup> m. 24 May 1769 Martha Smith.
  2. *Elisha*. A grandson of William<sup>5</sup> Knowles (16, iv) used to say that this Elisha, his brother James, and their nephew Jesse removed, not far from 1810, to "New Connecticut." Elisha had a son, *Joshua*,<sup>7</sup> who was b. at Haddam 22 Sept. 1768 and d. at Whately 5 Sept. 1844.
  3. *Joshua*, m. Concurrence Porter.
  4. *Mehitable*, m. in 1774 Amos Dickinson. Four children.
  5. *Abigail*, m. in Apr. 1774 Joshua Smith.
  6. *Sarah*, m. in Jan. 1783 Calvin Hubbard, b. 31 Mar. 1765. Eight children.





7. *A child*, b. in Sept. 1757.
8. *Anna*, m. 19 Dec. 1803 Jared Daniels.
9. *Phebe*, b. in 1775; d. in 1807; m. in 1793 Stephen Sears, b. 11 Dec. 1768, d. 16 Nov. 1807. Five children.
- ii. RICHARD, b. in Mar. 1725; d. at Haddam 9 Apr. 1814; m. 4 Apr. 1749 MARY CONE, b. in 1732, d. at Haddam 8 Oct. 1796, sister or half sister of his brother Elisha's wife.  
Children, b. at Haddam:
  1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> b. 6 Dec. 1749; d. 28 Jan. 1827; m. 27 July 1772 Abner Tibbals. Four children.
  2. *Mary*, b. 28 Oct. 1751; d. 5 Sept. 1835; m. in Apr. 1774 Joseph Burr, b. in 1749, d. 25 May 1839. Four children.
  3. *Susanna*, b. 5 Feb. 1755; d. in 1834; m. 27 Nov. 1774 Obadiah Dickinson, b. 7 July 1753, d. in 1827. Eleven children.
  4. *Bethia*, b. 6 Mar. 1757; m. ——— Cone.
  5. *Esther*, b. 7 Mar. 1759; d. 29 Aug. 1843; m. (1) 5 Jan. 1812 Sylvanus Smith; m. (2) 1 Dec. 1819 Oliver Brainard.
  6. *Simon*, b. 18 Apr. 1761; d. 29 Mar. 1783.
  7. *Walker*, b. 1 Apr. 1763; m. (1) in Aug. 1784 Elizabeth Wells, b. in 1765, d. in 1793; m. (2) Lydia Brainard Porter, who d. 9 Mar. 1836. Four children by first wife and three children by second wife.
  8. *Richard*, b. in 1765; d. 28 July 1845; m. (1) in 1788 Bathsheba Wells; m. (2) Deborah Scoville, who d. 25 Apr. 1819. One child by first wife and six children by second wife.
  9. *Ruel*, b. in 1768; d. 5 Apr. 1804; m. 14 Nov. 1797 Miriam Wells, b. in 1775, d. 10 Dec. 1808, sister of his brother Richard's first wife. She m. (2) her first husband's brother, Daniel Knowles (*vide infra*). Three children.
  10. *Seth*, living in 1815.\*
  11. *Daniel*, b. in 1774; d. in Sept. 1844; m. Miriam (Wells) Knowles, widow of his brother Ruel, *q.v.* Three children.
  12. *Lydia*, called Lydia Knowles in the distribution of her father's estate in 1815; m. (1) ——— Brooks; m. (2) ——— Knowles. Two children by the name of Brooks.
- iii. MEHITABLE, m. 26 Aug. 1750 ABNER SMITH, b. in Dec. 1728, d. in Oct. 1813.  
Children (surname *Smith*), all except the first two bapt. together in Nov. 1771:
  1. *Dorothy*, b. 9 Feb. 1751; d. 7 June 175—.
  2. *Mehitable*, b. 6 Feb. 1753; d. 9 June 1757.
  3. *Dorothy*, b. 7 Feb. 1755; m. ——— Towner.
  4. *Mehitable*, b. 19 Jan. 1757; d. 1 Sept. 1794; m. 20 Aug. 1778 Timothy White, b. in 1754, d. 27 Apr. 1824. Eight children.
  5. *Sarah*.
  6. *Jerusha*, m. Luther Savage.
  7. *Elizabeth*.
  8. *Hephzibah*.
  9. *John*, died in prison in New York.
  10. *Willard*, b. 26 Feb. 1765; d. 31 Jan. 1803; m. Naomi Judd.
  11. *Benjamin*.
  12. *Abner*.
- iv. WILLIAM, b. 9 June 1732; d. at Haddam 1 Dec. 1820; m. RUTH ———, who d. at Haddam 22 Aug. 1802.  
Children, b. at Haddam:
  1. *John*,<sup>6</sup> bapt. in June 1763; d. at Haddam 24 Apr. 1836; m. (1) Judith Hubbard, b. 18 Jan. 1763, d. 1 Jan. 1804, daughter of Joel and Anna Hubbard; m. (2) Lydia Bowe, b. prob-

\*The order in which Richard<sup>6</sup> Knowles (16, ii) named his sons in his will, dated 22 Dec. 1804, indicates that Seth was born about 1770. He was, therefore, too young to be a soldier of the Revolution, but it is not impossible that he was the Seth Knowles who, with his wife, appears in the United States Census of 1810 as living at Sparta, Ontario Co., N. Y., aged between 16 and 26 [*sic*]. See footnote under Seth<sup>6</sup> Knowles (17, ii, 2).





ably and d. at Middletown, Conn.; m. (3) 26 Mar. 1815 Elizabeth Cornwall, b. 2 Mar. 1789, d. at Haddam, in childbed, 31 Dec. 1816, daughter of Thomas and Lois (Clark) Cornwall of Chatham, Conn.; m. (4) Sarah Smith Lanfier, b. in 1782, d. at Madison, Conn., 6 Feb. 1860, widow of William Lanfier, who was killed by being run over 31 Aug. 1807. She m. (3) in Feb. 1847 James Field of Madison, b. 10 May 1776, d. 14 Dec. 1861. Three children by first wife.

2. *William*, bapt. in Aug. 1765; d. at Haddam 8 July 1784.
3. *Hannah*, bapt. in Oct. 1768; d. at Haddam 2 Mar. 1802.
4. *Ruth*, bapt. in June 1771; d. at Haddam 22 Apr. 1807.
5. *Willard*, bapt. in June 1774; perished, with four other young men of Haddam, in a gale at sea on a voyage to the West Indies, 10 Sept. 1800.

17. SETH<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Col. John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 7 Aug. 1700, died at East Hampton, a parish of Chatham, Conn., 23 Aug. 1752. He married at Eastham, 3 Oct. 1723, MARTHA REMICK, who died at East Hampton in 1760, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Freeman) Remick of Eastham.

It is not known whether, on removing to Connecticut, he at first settled near his brother John on the west side of the Connecticut River or near his brother-in-law, Capt. Cornelius<sup>3</sup> Knowles (10), on the east side; but he took part in the first movement into the interior of the country east of the Connecticut River, and in the first valuation of the settlement at the mouth of Powtopogue Lake, presently organized as the Parish of East Hampton, he is shown to have been one of the largest investors in making that settlement. His name is on the petition, dated 29 Apr. 1743, for establishing a church at that place, as are also the names of the Norcotts, who had sold their farm in Eastham to Col. Samuel<sup>3</sup> Knowles (6). His inventory showed a grist mill and a bolting mill, presumably located on Powtopogue Stream. He left no will, but the distribution of his estate ordered by the court discloses his surviving children.

Children:

- i. SETH,<sup>5</sup> b. in 1728; d. at Chatham, Conn., 28 Sept. 1773, in his 46th year; m. at East Middletown (now Portland), Conn., 2 Jan. 1749/50, CATHERINE HOBBS, who d. 8 Dec. 1774, in her 51st year. He was an aggressive man and operated in real estate in what is now Portland, especially in that part called Pecowset. The gravestones of Seth Knowles and his wife formerly stood in what was called the Quarry Cemetery, but were removed with the other stones there to the place where they now stand, to make room for the operations of the quarry.

Children, b. at Portland, Conn.:

1. *Lucy*,<sup>6</sup> b. 13 Feb. 1751/2; m. at Chatham, 30 Dec. 1779, Samuel Stocking.
2. *Hannah*, b. 30 Mar. 1754; m. 18 Mar. 1779 John Shepard, Jr.
3. *Christian*, b. 19 Apr. 1756; m. 6 Apr. 1775 Samuel Bidwell.
4. *Lydia*, bapt. "at a private house" at Portland, Conn., 24 Aug. 1773 (Congregational Church records).
5. *Seth*, bapt. "at a private house" at Portland, Conn., 24 Aug. 1773 (Congregational Church records). This Seth Knowles and his first cousin, Seth<sup>6</sup> Knowles (17, ii, 2), were both





pioneers of far western New York. One of them m. Lucy Ranney and settled in Clarendon, Orleans Co., N. Y., and the other was a Revolutionary soldier and probably the pensioner who was the first settler in Springwater Valley, Livingston Co., N. Y. The gravestones of Seth Knowles and his wife Lucy are standing at Clarendon. He d. in 1832, aged 70; she d. in 1836, aged 73. They were married at Chatham, Conn., 22 Jan. 1784. She was b. 6 Sept. 1763, the daughter of George and Hannah (Sage) Ranney. Their children were Seth, Ansel, Remick, Sarah, Hannah, Samuel, William, George Ranney, and Sally. Three children (Catherine, Seth, and Hannah) of one of these Seths were baptized together in Trinity Church (Protestant Episcopal), Portland, Conn., 7 July 1793.\*

6. *Thankful* } bapt. "at a private house" at Portland, Conn.,  
 7. *Mercy*, } 24 Aug. 1773 (Congregational Church records).†  
 ii. DANIEL, d. about 1770; m. at Chatham, Conn., 3 Feb. 1757, SIBBEL BACON, who d. before 12 Oct. 1796, daughter of Lieut. John Bacon. She m. (2) 28 June 1771 Jedediah Norton of Chatham.

Children, b. at Chatham:

1. *Prudence*,<sup>6</sup> bapt. 3 Sept. 1757.
  2. *Seth*, b. 7 Mar. 1760. In 1796 heirship deeds describe him as "of New Canaan, N. Y." If his cousin Seth (17, i, 5), *q.v.*, was the one who married Lucy Ranney, then this Seth enlisted at Chatham in May 1777 for three years, and was probably the one living at Springwater (of which he was the first settler) who applied for a pension 6 May 1818, his age, as given in his application, being hard to read but looking like "56." At that time he had a wife, aged 40, and children ranging from 15 down to infancy and named Clark, Jonathan G., Willard, Catherine, Massa or Mapa, Lydia, Newton I., and Mehitable. According to the United States Census of 1820 he then had eight children under 16.\*
  3. *Isaac*, b. 15 Apr. 1762; d. before 18 Mar. 1818, when administration on his estate was granted to his widow; m. (1) Lydia ———, who d. 9 Jan. 1810; m. (2) ———. He had issue.
  4. *Sibbel*, m. Jonathan Chappel, who was of Maryland, Otsego Co., N. Y., in 1818.
  5. *Daniel*, living 19 May 1772, when Philip Mortimer was appointed his guardian.
- iii. MARY.  
 iv. MARTHA, b. 14 Feb. 1738/9; m. NOAH DIAH BEVIN of Chatham, b. 14 Feb. 1738/9.  
 v. ABRAHAM, d. at Chatham 29 Sept. 1771; m. MOLLY ———. His widow was appointed 1 Apr. 1772 guardian of their three children, and Ithamar Pelton was joined as an administrator.

Children, b. at Chatham:

1. *Abraham Remick*,<sup>6</sup> d. before 27 Apr. 1795, when administration was granted on his estate; m. at Chatham, 29 Sept. 1793, Mary Taylor, daughter of Samuel Taylor. She m. (2) at Chatham, 12 May 1796, Samuel Smith of Bethlehem, Mass.
2. *Giles*, m. at Chatham, 16 Jan. 1783, Silence Hall, who d. 22 Mar. 1840, aged 74, daughter of Isaac Hall. They attended

\*On 23 June 1784, for love and good will, Ezra Bevin of Chatham, Conn., conveyed to Seth Knowles of Chatham land at the lower end of Pecowset Meadow, reserving woodlot privileges to himself for life (Chatham Deeds, vol. 4, p. 341). This problem of three Seths cannot ignore the possibility of a pension fraud. Of the two Seths, grandsons of Seth<sup>4</sup> (17), one certainly married Lucy Ranney and the other certainly was the soldier. That Seth of Springwater was in fact the soldier and not Seth<sup>4</sup> (16, ii, 10), son of Richard, may not be taken for granted.

†There was a Nathan Knowles at Portland, Conn., who married 3 May 1780 Rubamah Schellinx and had children, namely, Sarah, bapt. 23 Mar. 1783, and Betsey and Sophia, bapt. 9 Feb. 1787. Also in the same place was a Widow Knowles, who had a son who died 22 Feb. 1801.





Trinity Church (Protestant Episcopal) at Portland, Conn.  
Six children.

3. *Mary*, m. 10 Nov. 1785 Wells Diggins. Her name appears in the probate court records, 6 Mar. 1805, as heir to her nephew Remick Knowles, son of Abraham Remick Knowles (17, v, i), who had d. at Bethlehem, Mass.
- vi. ELIZABETH, living unm. in 1769. One Elizabeth Knowles m. at Chatham, 12 Feb. 1789, Ebenezer Whitmore.
- vii. RACHEL, bapt. at Chatham 7 Apr. 1745; d. at Suffield, Conn., 10 Sept. 1768; m. at Suffield, 2 Sept. 1767, DR. DAVID WILCOX. No children recorded.
- viii. MERCY, bapt. 21 June 1747; living in 1764.

18. PAUL<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Col. John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), of Truro, born at Eastham 8 Aug. 1702, died before 11 Apr. 1775, when administration was granted on his estate. He married first, at Truro, 28 Feb. 1722/3, PHEBE PAINE of Truro, born in 1700, died at Truro 23 June 1748; and secondly MERCY (—) HARDING, who died 29 Jan. 1761, in her 50th year, widow of Nathaniel Harding. Administration on her estate was granted 17 Mar. 1761 to Ephraim Harding.

Paul Knowles settled at Truro, where he took a position in line with his family standing. While evidently avoiding permanent town offices, except for serving one year as selectman, he repeatedly headed special committees by choice of the parish and the Truro proprietors. On his death his real estate was settled on his sons Paul and Silas, who were to pay their portions to the other heirs, including four living brothers and sisters and the children of three not living.

Children by first wife, born at Truro:

- i. ANN,<sup>5</sup> b. 24 Nov. 1723; d. at Truro 19 Apr. 1785; m. at Truro, 16 Feb. 1743/4, URIAH RICH, b. at Truro 17 June 1723, d. there 3 Nov. 1802.

Children (surname *Rich*):

1. *Josiah*, b. 13 June 1745.
2. *Phebe*, b. 21 Feb. 1746/7.
3. *Anne*, b. 2 May 1749.
4. *Hannah*, b. 13 June 1751.
5. *Uriah*, b. 16 Feb. 1753.
6. *Paul*, b. in May 1755; d. about three months later.
7. *Mary*, b. 7 Aug. 1756.
8. *John Knowles*, b. 22 Dec. 1758.
9. *Huldah*, b. 21 Aug. 1761.
10. *Richard*, b. 3 May 1763.
11. *Thankful*, b. 16 Mar. 1766.
- ii. PHEBE, b. 28 Apr. 1725; m. (1) at Truro, 16 Feb. 1743/4, JOSEPH COLLINS, who d. 27 Oct. 1748, in his 25th year; m. (2) at Truro, 14 Feb. 1749/50, SIMON GROSS, b. 2 May 1709, son of Micah and Mary Gross of Truro. With her second husband she removed to Lebanon, Conn. She had children by both husbands.
- iii. MARY, b. 20 Jan. 1726/7; d. before her father; m. at Truro, 27 Nov. 1746, JOSHUA ATWOOD, b. at Truro 27 Oct. 1722, son of Joseph and Bethia (Crowell) Atwood of Eastham. They migrated to Barrington, N. S., and the History of Barrington gives an account of him.

Children (surname *Atwood*):

1. *Joseph*, b. in 1749; m. Susanna Smith. He is credited with sixteen children.
2. *Mary*, m. Joseph Homer.
3. *Temperance*, m. in 1775 John Reynolds.





4. *Knowles*, m. in 1784 Rhoda Nickerson. Six children.
- iv. PAUL, of Truro, farmer, b. 28 Nov. 1728; d. at Truro 12 Sept. 1802; m. at Truro, 11 Nov. 1760, MARY (ATKINS) DYER, b. 18 June 1738, d. 22 Aug. 1824, daughter of Isaiah and Hannah (Cook) Atkins of Truro and widow of Caleb Dyer.
- Children, b. at Truro:
1. *Paul*,<sup>6</sup> b. 24 June 1762; drowned off Cohasset 25 Dec. 1804; m. at Truro, 10 Aug. 1789, his second cousin, Hannah<sup>6</sup> Knowles (15, iv, 7), b. at Truro 25 Jan. 1769, survived her husband, daughter of Joshua and Mary (Harding) Knowles of Truro. He was a shipmaster and made foreign voyages, and, with his son Paul, was drowned off Cohasset, at the end of a voyage. His portrait, painted in France, was in the hands of Mrs. L. P. Rich in 1884. Six children, of whom his widow was appointed guardian.
  2. *Ruth*, b. 24 Aug. 1764; m. 25 Nov. 1789 Simon Lombard, Jr.
  3. *Caleb*, b. 19 June 1766; d. at sea 8 Oct. 1805; m. (1) at Truro, 2 Sept. 1788, Jemima Dyer of Truro, who d. 8 Jan. 1796, aged 29; m. (2) Betsey ———, who outlived him and m. (2) ——— Lombard. Two children.
  4. *Zaccheus*, b. 8 Aug. 1768; drowned near Wood End 11 Nov. 1814; m. at Truro, 15 Nov. 1791, Sarah Lombard of Truro.
  5. *Mary*, b. 7 Dec. 1770; d., aged 1 year.
  6. *Mary*, b. 11 Feb. 1773; m. at Truro, 27 Oct. 1791, Ephraim Lombard Wells of Truro.
  7. *Anna*, b. 14 June 1776; m. at Truro, 4 June 1795, Thomas Childs.
  8. *Isaiah*, b. 7 Mar. 1780; drowned off Race Point 24 Mar. 1806. He was a shipmaster at an early age and made foreign voyages, and his ship was lost, with all on board, off Race Point.
- v. JOHN, b. 31 Oct. 1730; not mentioned among the heirs of his father in 1775.
- vi. THOMAS, b. 6 Aug. 1732; d. before his father; m. at Truro, 11 Dec. 1760, LUCY LEWIS. On 8 Apr. 1777 Eleazer Lewis was appointed guardian of their son Thomas.
- Child:
1. *Thomas*,<sup>6</sup> b. at Truro 23 Feb. 1762; d. there 24 Aug. 1792.
- vii. HANNAH, b. 18 Sept. 1734; m. (1) at Truro, 12 Mar. 1752, JOHN WARREN; m. (2) 3 Dec. 1772 ZACCHEUS HIGGINS, JR.; m. (3) ——— SPARROW.
- Children by first husband (surname *Warren*), b. at Truro:
1. *Lettice*, b. 29 May 1754.
  2. *Phebe*, b. 23 Oct. 1756.
  3. *Hannah*, bapt. 10 Sept. 1758; d. young.
  4. *Hannah*, b. 19 Feb. 1760.
  5. *William*, b. 8 Apr. 1762.
- Child by second husband (surname *Higgins*):
6. *Knowles*, b. 25 Sept. 1773; settled at Standish, Me.
- viii. RUTH, b. 12 Mar. 1735/6; d. before her father; m. in 1756 COL. ELISHA TICKNOR of Lebanon, Conn. On 8 Apr. 1777 Paul Knowles was appointed guardian of their son Elisha.
- ix. JAMES, b. 4 June 1737; d. 20 July 1737.
- x. ABIGAIL, b. 30 Nov. 1738; d. in 1799; m. 13 Dec. 1764 SYLVANUS HIGGINS.
- xi. SILAS, b. 31 Dec. 1740; m. (1) at Truro, 6 Apr. 1761, MARY FREEMAN of Truro, who d. in Aug. 1790, aged 50; m. (2) at Truro, 17 Nov. 1791, SUSANNA COBB.
- Children by first wife, b. at Truro:
1. *John*,<sup>6</sup> b. 31 Aug. 1761; d. young.
  2. *Silas*, of Provincetown, b. 27 June 1763; d. at sea 6 Sept. 1799; m. (intention recorded at Truro, 16 Nov. 1786)





Phebe Rich of Truro, to whom administration on his estate was granted 20 Mar. 1800. Two children recorded.

3. *Mary*, b. 8 July 1766; d. at Truro 24 Oct. 1794.
4. *John*, b. 3 Apr. 1768.
5. *Phebe*, b. 28 Dec. 1769; m. at Truro, 12 Apr. 1792, Benjamin Harding.
6. *Nehemiah*, b. 15 Nov. 1771; d. in South Carolina in Feb. 1794.
7. *Anna Freeman*, b. 25 Oct. 1773.
8. *Thomas*, b. 15 Feb. 1776.
9. *Eli*, bapt. 24 Jan. 1779.
10. *James Freeman*, bapt. 15 Apr. 1781; d. young.
11. *James Freeman*, bapt. 29 June 1783.
- xii. *JAMES*, bapt. 15 Aug. 1742; not mentioned among the heirs of his father in 1775.

Child by second wife:

- xiii. *JOHN*, b. 16 May 1753; not mentioned among the heirs of his father in 1775.

19. *JAMES*<sup>4</sup> *KNOWLES* (*Col. John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 4 Nov. 1704, died about 1732. He married at Eastham, 31 Mar. 1726, *ANN DOANE*, born in 1706, died at Eastham 1 Aug. 1777, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Doane. She married secondly, at Eastham, 29 May 1734, her first husband's first cousin, *Edward*<sup>4</sup> *Knowles* (14), *q.v.*

Children, born at Eastham:

- i. *JAMES*,<sup>5</sup> b. 10 Oct. 1727; m. at Eastham, 8 June 1749, *ABIGAIL ATWOOD* of Eastham. In 1762, after an inquisition by the Board of Selectmen, he was adjudged *non compos mentis*, and *Edward Knowles* was appointed his guardian. His inventory showed a house and farm, with farm stock.  
Children, b. at Eastham:
  1. *Thomasine*,<sup>6</sup> b. in Mar. 1749; probably m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 17 Aug. 1773) *Jesse Nickerson* of Eastham.
  2. *Lucretia*, probably m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 26 Nov. 1774) *Sparrow Snow*. She removed to Sandisfield.
  3. *Zervia*, b. in Oct. 1753; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 20 Nov. 1779) *Joseph Linnell* of Eastham. They removed to Tolland, Conn., and in 1805 to Granville, Ohio.
  4. *James* (twin), b. in Jan. 1756; d. in 1794; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 8 Sept. 1789) his third cousin once removed, *Mary*<sup>5</sup> *Knowles* (24, viii), b. at Eastham 14 Dec. 1762, d. before 12 Oct. 1816 (when in a deed reservation was made of rights in the pear trees belonging to the heirs of *Mary Knowles*, late of Orleans, deceased), daughter of *Seth* and *Ruth* (*Freeman*) *Knowles* of Eastham. On 13 Dec. 1793 the constable was acquitted of *James Knowles*'s taxes "by reason of his long absence." In 1798 *Molly Knowles* was an Orleans taxpayer. They had children.
  5. *Paul* (twin), b. in Jan. 1756; d. at Sandisfield 2 Mar. 1816; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 8 Sept. 1789) *Thankful Snow* of Eastham, b. 14 Feb. 1762. They removed to Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., about 1783, where, according to the United States Direct Tax List of 1798, *Paul Knowles* was living in a house owned by *James Knowles*. Five children.
- ii. *MARY*, b. 29 Dec. 1730; d. at Eastham 1 Sept. 1772; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 12 Aug. 1749) her second cousin, *HENRY*<sup>5</sup>





KNOWLES (13, ii), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham 30 Aug. 1729, d. at what is now Bar Harbor, Me., after 1810, son of Dea. Thomas and Elizabeth (Snow) Knowles of Eastham. He m. (2) (intention recorded at Eastham, 29 June 1776) Phebe Cook of Eastham. Eleven children, for whom see 13, ii.

20. COL. WILLARD<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Col. John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), of Eastham, tanner, born at Eastham 6 Nov. 1711, died there 11 Mar. 1786. He married at Eastham, 10 May 1733, BETHIAH ATWOOD, born at Eastham 26 Mar. 1713, died there 9 Mar. 1789, daughter of Joseph and Bethia (Crowell) Atwood.

Like his father he was, through most of his life, a justice of the peace and therefore a member of the Sessions Court. He was also a coroner; and, like his father, he commanded the Second Barnstable Regiment. He served several years as selectman and two years as representative.

Where Colonel Knowles lived before his father purchased the Treat farm is not known. He may have removed to the north side of Town Cove before his father did. By his father's will he received this new Knowles homestead, which has continued in the line of his descendants and family name to the present time. It has been awarded a prize as the best farm in Barnstable County.

Children, born at Eastham:

- i. HANNAH,<sup>5</sup> b. 26 Oct. 1733; d. at Eastham 26 July 1773; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 12 July 1755) JESSE DOANE of Eastham. For children see the Doane Book, pp. 173-174.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. 22 Oct. 1735; d. at Eastham 16 Oct. 1800; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 3 Jan. 1759) ELIZABETH PEPPER, b. at Eastham 22 Apr. 1736, d. there 5 July 1806, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Higgins) Pepper. He was named in his grandfather's will, Col. John Knowles making his grandson Joseph a half owner in his stepgrandmother's mare. Coming to maturity on the Fort Hill homestead, he purchased the farm on the road to Orleans now principally occupied by Francis A. Smith, the southern end of which is known as Smith's Heights. He also acquired a part of the Remick farm, south from Eastham Centre. On his death his daughters divided the property and sold off their portions, the house being eventually purchased by Hon. Jonathan Snow, who tore it down and built the house now standing there. The following list of his children is thought to be accurate, although most of the deeds perished when the Barnstable court house was burned and in the remaining deeds the purchasers of some of the daughters' shares seem to have joined in deeds with other daughters.

Children, b. at Eastham:

1. Bethia,<sup>6</sup> b. in 1762; d. at Orleans 3 Jan. 1809, aged 47; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 24 Apr. 1796), as his second wife, Uriah Mayo, b. 27 May 1747, d. at Orleans 12 June 1824, son of Thomas and Hannah (Atkins) Mayo. Their children (surname *Mayo*) were (1) Elisha, (2) Bethia, (3) Mercy (?), and (4) Joseph Knowles, who was b. 25 Mar. 1801.
2. Hannah, b. in 1767; d. 3 Apr. 1832, in her 66th year; m. (1) 15 Sept. 1791 Daniel Dyer of Truro; m. (2) Solomon Taylor of Yarmouth.
3. Ruth, d. *s.p.* 15 Mar. 1842; m. 27 Feb. 1798, as his third wife, Joseph Bassett of Yarmouth.





4. *Elizabeth*, d. before 1 Nov. 1808; m. at Eastham, 25 Feb. 1799, Samuel Mayo, b. at Eastham 31 July 1773, d. there 30 Mar. 1853. He m. (2) at Eastham, 1 Nov. 1808, his first wife's first cousin, Rebecca<sup>8</sup> Knowles (20, xi, 4), b. at Eastham 22 or 23 Oct. 1786, daughter of William and Rebecca (Freeman) Knowles of Eastham. Two children (surname *Mayo*).
- iii. WILLARD, b. 25 Oct. 1737; d. at Sandisfield 17 June 1818; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, in Aug. 1762) MERCY SNOW, b. 8 May 1737, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Freeman) Snow. He removed to Sandisfield before 1786.  
Children, b. at Eastham:
1. *Treat*,<sup>9</sup> b. 25 Oct. 1763; d. 30 May 1765.
  2. *Treat*, b. in Mar. 1765; d. 24 Oct. 1768.
  3. *Mary*, b. 8 July 1767; d. young.
  4. *Treat*, b. 29 Oct. 1768.
  5. *Willard*, b. 25 Mar. 1769; m. Sarah ———. Six children, recorded at Sandisfield.
  6. *Abigail* (twin), b. 29 May 1771; } one or both of these twins
  7. *Mercy* (twin), b. 29 May 1771; } d. young.
  8. *Experience*, b. 7 Mar. 1774.
  9. *Nathaniel Atwood*, b. 22 June 1776.
- iv. DAVID, b. 21 Sept. 1739; d. at Eastham 22 Nov. 1807; m. ELIZABETH HOMER, who d. 29 June 1815, in her 77th year, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Crowell) Homer.  
Children, b. at Eastham:
1. *William*,<sup>6</sup> b. 23 Jan. 1770; d. in 1808; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 25 Feb. 1795) his third cousin once removed, Rebecca Smith (11, iv, 7), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham and bapt. 19 Sept. 1773, d. at Orleans 28 Feb. 1850, æt. 77, daughter of Joseph, 3d, and Ruth (Knowles) Smith of Eastham. She m. (2) Benjamin Homer, 2d, of Yarmouth, and m. (3) Nathaniel Nickerson of Orleans (*vide supra*, 11, iv, 7). One son, William,<sup>7</sup> living in 1834.
  2. *David*, b. 10 Mar. 1771; m. Thankful Taylor of Brewster, who d. at Eastham 10 July 1854, aged 80. She lived on the byroad west from Fort Hill until towards the end of her life, and her cellar hole is pointed out as "Thanky David's cellar." By his father's will David Knowles received the land where his house then stood, which had been bought of John Knowles and was called Lewis's land.
  3. *Margery*, b. 23 Nov. 1772; d. 24 Nov. 1777.
  4. *Betsey*, b. in 1776; d. in the poorhouse at Eastham 29 Apr. 1853, aged 78; m. at Eastham, in Oct. 1816, as his second wife, her third cousin, Harding<sup>5</sup> Knowles (14, vi, 3), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham 25 Oct. 1779, d. there 11 July 1826, son of Elijah and Rebecca (Harding) Knowles and widower of her sister Margery. It is not known whether she was then the widow of his brother Elijah.
  5. *Margery*, d. 31 May 1816, in her 37th year; m. at Eastham, 2 Jan. 1803, her third cousin, Harding Knowles (14, vi, 3), *q.v.*, who m. secondly her sister Betsey (20, iv, 4). *q.v.*
- v. BETHIA, b. 13 Jan. 1741/2; d. at Eastham 9 May 1816; m. at Eastham, 3 Nov. 1763, BARNABAS FREEMAN, b. 23 Feb. 1736/7, d. 17 Jan. 1781, son of Dea. Samuel and Mary (Paine) Freeman of Eastham.  
Children (surname *Freeman*), b. at Eastham:
1. *Samuel*, b. 11 Aug. 1764; d. at Eastham 26 May 1836; m. (1) 18 Nov. 1790 Abiel Doane, who d. 25 Feb. 1809, in her 40th year; m. (2) Elizabeth (——) Cobb, widow of Barnabas Cobb.
  2. *Mary*, b. 3 Mar. 1766; d. at Eastham 25 Feb. 1816; m. Joseph Myrick, whom she survived.





3. *James*, b. 28 Sept. 1768; d. in Boston 29 June 1829; m. 11 Oct. 1798 Sally Coleman.
  4. *Barnabas*, b. in 1769; d. at Fairfield, Conn., in Oct. 1851; m. 22 May 1795 Rhoda Atwood of Eastham.
  5. *Joshua*, b. in 1771; d. 17 Sept. 1791.
  6. *Bethia*, b. in 1772; d. at Eastham 30 Sept. 1851; m. 31 Aug. 1797 Capt. Daniel Pepper of Eastham, who d. 9 Feb. 1815, in his 47th year.
  7. *Abigail*, d. 16 Feb. 1816, "aged 45;" m. 23 Oct. 1796 Thomas Cobb.
  8. *Alice*, b. in 1777; d. 1 Feb. 1779.
  9. *Alice*, b. in 1779; d. 15 Mar. 1803; m. 24 Feb. 1799 Myrick Doane.
- vi. *JOHN*, b. 9 June 1744; d. at Eastham 5 Nov. 1806; m. at Eastham, 19 June 1769, *SUSANNAH WALKER*, b. 4 Apr. 1747, d. at Eastham 30 Oct. 1837, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Freeman) Walker. He made his homestead on the Town Cove road in Eastham, next northeast from the ancient burying ground, and left it to his son Barnabas. The cellar hole of his house is now covered by one of Josiah Knowles's outbuildings.
- Children, b. at Eastham:
1. *Rebecca*, b. 19 May 1770; d. at Eastham 13 Dec. 1806; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 30 Aug. 1794) his third cousin once removed, Lydia<sup>5</sup> Knowles (29, vi), b. at Eastham 22 Aug. 1772, d. at Orleans 31 May 1843, daughter of Capt. Amos and Abigail (Pepper) Knowles of Eastham. She m. (2) at Eastham, in Dec. 1812, Heman Snow, who d. at Orleans 23 Oct. 1827, æt. 62. Three daughters (*vide infra*, 29, vi).
  2. *John*, b. 29 Dec. 1771; d. at Eastham in 1794; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 16 Nov. 1793) Sally Higgins. One daughter, Fanny.<sup>7</sup>
  3. *Rebecca*, b. in 1773; d. unm. at Eastham 30 Oct. 1814.
  4. *Samuel*, b. 26 Oct. 1775; d. at Eastham; m. 11 Nov. 1801 Hannah Pepper, daughter of Joseph and Zylpha Pepper. He served two terms as representative. Seven children.
  5. *Joshua*, b. 17 Oct. 1777; d. at Eastham 11 Jan. 1831; m. at Eastham, 23 Dec. 1804, his third cousin, Lydia<sup>6</sup> Knowles (14, ii, 10), b. at Eastham 1 May 1783, d. there 11 Sept. 1848, æt. 64, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Brown) Knowles of Eastham. Eight children.
  6. *Jonathan*, b. 26 Mar. 1780; d. at Lowell 20 Mar. 1866; m. (1) Rebecca ———; m. (2) Lydia Lewis. Four children who lived to grow up.
  7. *Willard*, b. 28 Mar. 1782; d. s.p. 29 Sept. 1806.
  8. *Susanna*, b. 23 Apr. 1784; m. in Feb. 1809 Richard Sparrow of Eastham. Five children.
  9. *Sarah*, b. 6 Dec. 1786; d. at Eastham 13 Oct. 1867; m. (1) in Mar. 1815 Joshua P. Atwood, who d. 11 Aug. 1837; m. (2) at Eastham, 21 June 1848, as his second wife, Capt. Jesse Collins of Springfield, who d. at Eastham 6 Sept. 1869, son of Joseph and Bethia Collins and widower of Rachel (Knowles) Collins (31, ix), *q.v.*, who was his second wife's third cousin once removed.
  10. *Barnabas Freeman*, b. 5 Apr. 1796; d. at Eastham 31 May 1847; m. at Eastham, in Jan. 1818, Lovey Mayo, who d. at Eastham 15 Oct. 1844, daughter of James Mayo and sister of Martha and Samuel Mayo. Six children.
- vii. *MARY*, b. 20 Oct. 1746; d. in Boston 31 Jan. 1807; m. 12 Sept. 1765 *WINSLOW LEWIS* of Eastham and Wellfleet, later of Marlborough, sea captain, b. in that part of Eastham which is now Wellfleet, 3 July 1738, d. in July 1801, aged 63, son of Rev. Isaiah (A.B., Harvard, 1723, A.M., *ib.*, 1726) and Abigail (Winslow) Lewis. Captain Lewis was one of the selectmen of Wellfleet in 1777. Eleven children, for whom see REGISTER, vol. 17, p. 164.





- viii. TEMPERANCE, b. 4 Mar. 1749; d. in that part of Eastham which is now Orleans, 8 Apr. 1782; m. at Eastham, 23 Dec. 1766, REV. JONATHAN BASCOM of Eastham and Orleans, b. at Lebanon, Conn., in 1740, d. at Orleans 18 Mar. 1807. He m. (2) Phebe Taylor, by whom he had two children, both of whom d. in infancy, and he m. (3) Betty Freeman, by whom he had no children.  
Children (surname *Bascom*), b. at Eastham:
1. *Timothy*, b. 2 May 1767; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 10 Oct. 1795) Rebecca Gould.
  2. *Jonathan*, b. 19 June 1769; d. 19 Jan. 1775.
  3. *Abigail*, b. 29 Aug. 1771.
  4. *Jonathan*, b. 16 May 1776.
  5. *Tempy*, b. 17 June 1778.
  6. *William*, b. 19 May 1780.
- ix. REBECCA, b. 12 Apr. 1751; d. at Wellfleet 11 Mar. 1811; m. at Eastham, 30 Apr. 1772, MOSES LEWIS of Truro, later of Wellfleet, who d. 4 Nov. 1804, aged 63.
- x. SETH, b. 16 May 1753; d. at Eastham 6 July 1821; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 4 Jan. 1777) HANNAH HATCH, b. in 1756, d. at Eastham 6 July 1823, daughter of James and Mary (Pemberton) Hatch and stepdaughter of Rev. Joseph Crocker, the Eastham minister. He had the main portion of his father's homestead, where he engaged in farming, and he was also a trader. He was active in town matters, and took the lead especially in church affairs, as host of visiting clergymen and otherwise. He left the homestead by his will to his son, James Hatch Knowles.  
Children, b. at Eastham:
1. *Thomas*,<sup>6</sup> b. 9 Aug. 1777; d. 15 Nov. 1820; m. Alice Pepper, b. 10 Mar. 1781, d. at Eastham 17 Feb. 1820, daughter of Joseph and Zylpha Pepper. Six children.
  2. *Mary*, b. 29 Nov. 1779; d. at Eastham 15 Aug. 1848; m. at Eastham, 20 Dec. 1801, Capt. Nehemiah Smith, who d. 13 Mar. 1820, aged 43.
  3. *Bethiah*, b. 9 Aug. 1781; d. at Eastham 12 Sept. 1840; m. (1) at Eastham, 19 Feb. 1799, Henry Mayo; m. (2) Lyman Bangs of Eastham; m. (3) at Eastham, in Apr. 1819, as his fourth wife, her third cousin, Obed<sup>6</sup> Knowles of Eastham (14, ii, 2), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham 24 July 1766, d. there 23 Dec. 1833, son of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Brown) Knowles of Eastham.
  4. *Seth*, of Boston, merchant, b. 3 Jan. 1784; d. 7 Jan. 1832; m. (1) 15 Sept. 1810 Sally Bridge, who d. 2 Nov. 1825, æt. 38; m. (2) Sarah Payson, b. at Charlestown 2 Nov. 1801. He was an eminent Boston merchant and public character.
  5. *Hannah*, b. 8 Feb. 1786; d. at Orleans 8 Mar. 1872; m. in Oct. 1806 Nathaniel Gould.
  6. *Winslow Lewis*, b. 4 June 1788; d. at Brewster 26 Jan. 1870; m. (intention recorded at Truro, 7 Aug. 1813) Sally Hinckley of Truro.
  7. *James Hatch*, b. 18 Jan. 1791; d. at Eastham 8 Aug. 1872; m. (1) 12 Nov. 1818 Ruth Doane, b. 17 Sept. 1798, d. 4 June 1842; m. (2) in 1843 Sally (——) Freeman, b. in 1799, d. 27 Dec. 1843; m. (3) in 1846 Martha D. (——) Brackett. Five children by first wife.
  8. *Alice*, b. 11 Mar. 1793; m. Davis Smith of Eastham, brother of her sister Mary's husband.
  9. *Joseph M.*, b. 12 Sept. 1796; d. at Charlestown 5 Oct. 1811; bur. in Hon. Matthew Bridge's tomb.
  10. *Ruth Freeman*, b. 30 Sept. 1801; m. Timothy Smith.
  11. *Nancy Bangs*, b. 4 Apr. 1803; d. 1 June 1840; m. 21 Sept. 1821 Prince Smith Harding, b. 30 Oct. 1798, d. 14 Dec. 1873.
- xi. WILLIAM, of Eastham, farmer, b. 14 May 1755; d. at Eastham 19 Aug. 1830; m. 21 Dec. 1778 REBECCA FREEMAN, b. 26 Mar.





1757, d. 26 May 1828, daughter of Jonathan and Thankful (Linnell) Freeman. He was engaged extensively in the salt business, having a store which was kept up after his death by his unmarried daughters. His house stood a little to the west from his father's house, on part of the homestead, much of the land having been devised by will to him and his brother Seth in common. There is no house now on that site.

Children, b. at Eastham:

1. *Freeman*,<sup>6</sup> b. 27 Nov. 1779; d. at Eastham 22 June 1838; m. at Eastham, in Dec. 1813, Martha Mayo, who d. at Eastham in 1851, daughter of James Mayo. He was an aggressive business man, and bought up most of the land on both sides of the Town Cove road, above and below the ancient Eastham cemetery. He is said to have built the flat-roofed house which stands a little north from the cemetery and is still in the possession of his descendants.
2. *Olive*, b. 5 Jan. 1782; d. unm. at Eastham 2 June 1861.
3. *Temperance*, b. 22 or 23 Apr. 1784; d. at Eastham 18 Feb. 1816; m. at Eastham, in Oct. 1804, Myrick Doane.
4. *Rebecca*, b. 22 or 23 Oct. 1786; m. at Eastham, 1 Nov. 1808, as his second wife, Samuel Mayo, b. at Eastham 31 July 1773, d. there 30 Mar. 1853, widower of her first cousin, Elizabeth (Knowles) Mayo (20, ii, 4), *q.v.* Ten children (surname *Mayo*).
5. *Nabby*, b. 9 Mar. 1788; m. in Feb. 1816 Isaiah H. Gills.
6. *Thankful*, b. 8 Aug. 1790; m. at Eastham, in Nov. 1814, Barnabas Doane.
7. *Mercy*, b. 15 Mar. 1793; d. unm. at Eastham 25 Apr. 1861.
8. *Lucia*, b. 14 Oct. 1795; m., when elderly, Godfrey Sparrow.
9. *William F.*, b. 30 Dec. 1800.

[To be continued]

## MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED BY BENJAMIN RIGGS, J.P., OF GEORGETOWN, ME., 1808-1839

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THE records of which a copy is given in this article are written on the first twenty-two pages of a book that bears on its paper cover the legend: "A Book of Reccords kept By, Benj<sup>n</sup> Riggs. Justice Peace AD 1808. County Lincoln." The remaining fifty pages of the book are blank. The manuscript is now in the possession of a great-grandson of Benjamin Riggs, Louis Warner Riggs, Ph.D., of Yarmouth, Me., who has kindly permitted it to be copied for publication in the REGISTER.

Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Riggs, Justice of the Peace, of Georgetown, Me., the writer of these records, was born at Gloucester, Mass., 27 Mar. 1759, the son of Capt. Moses<sup>4</sup> (Moses,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) and Mary (Ellery) Riggs, and died at Georgetown 2 Jan. 1846, aged 86 years, 8 months, 5 days. He married, 17 Sept. 1782, Ruth Pearl, born at Edgecomb, Me., 31 Dec. 1760, died at Georgetown 13 Jan. 1857, aged 96 years, 13 days, daughter of Simeon Pearl of Edgecomb. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs were buried at Riggsville, a settlement in George-





## THE KNOWLES FAMILY OF EASTHAM, MASS.

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21. ENOS<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Col. Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>*), born at Eastham 30 Apr. 1712, died there in 1784. He married at Eastham, 12 Apr. 1733, SARAH SPARROW, who died at Eastham in 1784, daughter of Jonathan Sparrow of Eastham.

His father gave him a farm, including what was afterwards called Enos's Point and later Likey's Shore, in the neighborhood of his wife's people, towards South Orleans, somewhat remote from the main settlement. This farm was recently known as the James Percival place. The account book of Samuel Higgins, hatter and tailor, shows that Enos Knowles had at least two sons. He settled his accounts with Higgins by codfish and bass furnished, by farm work, and by pasturing a cow.

Children, so far as known:\*

- i. BETHIA,<sup>5</sup> b. 12 Jan. 1734/5; m. 23 Jan. 1752 ICHABOD HIGGINS of Eastham. For children see the "Higgins Genealogy," p. 154.
- ii. JERUSHA,<sup>†</sup> m. (1) SIMEON CROWELL, who was lost at sea in the summer of 1768; m. (2) JOHN NICKERSON, JR., a Loyalist, who went to Woods Harbor, Barrington, N. S., at the time of the Revolution. In the probate files of Queen's County, N. S., there is preserved a letter from Archelaus Crowell, stating, under date of 8 Aug. 1768, that he had lost two brothers at sea the previous summer. Administration on the estate of Simeon Crowell, called of Yarmouth and of Barrington, was granted 30 July 1783 in the Barnstable County Court. For her children by both husbands see Crowell's "History of Barrington," pp. 457-458, 530-533, although her children by her first husband (two boys, according to the census of 1770) are confused with the children of his brother Judah, and her children by her second husband are not distinguished from his children by a former wife.
- iii. NATHANIEL,<sup>†</sup> b. about 1741 or 1744; d. at Barrington, N. S., according to one statement 31 Mar. 1821, but according to the "History of Barrington" 31 Mar. 1824, "aged 80 years;" m., probably at Liverpool, N. S., LOIS HOLMES, orphaned daughter of John and Lois (Kempton) Holmes, formerly of Plymouth, Mass.‡ In Samuel Higgins's account against Enos Knowles is an entry under date of 12 July 1756, "to cutting a jacket for your son." Nothing

\*The name *Huldah* among the grandchildren suggests the possibility that there was a daughter of that name, who may have been taken to Hartford, Conn., to live with her great-uncle, Capt. John<sup>3</sup> Knowles (9). "Huldah Knowles of Hartford," according to the Middletown (Conn.) records, was married, 12 Oct. 1749, to Moses White of Middletown. Late in life they became pioneers of Newport, N. H. (Cf. Middletown Upper Houses, p. 726.) Otherwise this Huldah cannot be connected with the Cape Cod family. The name *Huldah* occurs also in the Woodbury (Conn.) Knowles family.

†The evidences that Jerusha and Nathaniel were brother and sister are family statements of the descendants taken down about the year 1880 by the late Professor Arnold Doane of Barrington. The chief grounds for making them children of Enos Knowles (21) are that Enos had a son not otherwise accounted for, that Jerusha and Nathaniel could not possibly have been children of Enos's brother Samuel or cousin Cornelius, that Nathaniel named a son Enos — a name almost unused either in Eastham or Barrington, and that the name *Jerusha* prevailed among the proved descendants of Enos.

‡In 1768 Nathaniel and Lois Knowles of Liverpool, N. S., released her interest in lands in Plymouth devised by her grandfather, Elisha Holmes of Plymouth, to the children of his son John.





further has been found of this Nathaniel Knowles in Eastham or Barnstable County records. He first appeared in Nova Scotia at Liverpool, in an after-thought addition of several names to a list made up for the renewed grants which had been issued in 1764, unless an undated list of thirty-acre lots was earlier, the name also of Hatsel Knowles, whose birth is recorded at Eastham 5 Nov. 1742, appearing in this last-mentioned list. By the recorded provisions, grantees at Liverpool had to be not less than twenty-one years old. Many anecdotes, some of them humorous or fabulous, have been attached to his name. A highly intelligent descendant believes that he made the colonizing voyage from Plymouth to Liverpool in a whaleboat. He is said to have taken part in the capture of Louisbourg. His grandson, William Knowles, had deformed feet, and this grandson's father, John Knowles (21, iii, 6), told him that he must have inherited them from his grandfather, who was being burned at the stake by the Indians when, owing to their drunkenness, he was able to escape, but he suffered through life from the injury then received. Several branches of the descendants of Nathaniel Knowles preserve the tradition that because of this experience he made a practice of killing Indians, even babies, at sight — an historic impossibility either in Barnstable County or in Nova Scotia after the Barnstable County people went there. Described in deeds as a fisherman, it was set down that Nathaniel Knowles said that he had sailed in everything from a "74" to an Indian canoe, and was too tough to drown. At an early period he was employed by the Nova Scotia government to scour the shore and catch Frenchmen to be deported to Boston. In 1780 he is mentioned as prize-master of a captured vessel. In 1785 he bought land at Barrington Passage, which has been occupied by his descendants ever since. He lived at "Knowles's Point," the nearest point to Cape Sable Island, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant, and was ferryman. His own cellar hole is still pointed out, some 300 feet west of north from the Point, 60 feet west from the shore, and 70 feet northwest from a peaked rock still nearer the shore.

Children, b. at Liverpool and Barrington, N. S.:

1. *Mercy*,<sup>6</sup> b. in 1766; m. in 1785 Obediah Wilson.
  2. *Nathaniel*, b. 29 Oct. 1768; d. in 1840; m. in 1797 Phebe Kinney. Seven children, one of whom was Rev. Charles Knowles.
  3. *Jonathan*, b. 16 Jan. 1772; lost at sea.
  4. *Elizabeth*, b. 25 Feb. 1774.
  5. *Sarah*, b. 26 May 1776; m. (1) in 1795 Eldad Crowell; m. (2) Eleazer Crowell. No children.
  6. *John*, b. 2 Mar. 1779; m. Hannah Hopkins. Five children.
  7. *Enos*, m. Sarah Crowell. Nine children.
  8. *Jesse* (or *Asa*), b. 28 Mar. 1783; m. Betsey Sholds.
  9. *Ruth*, b. 5 Dec. 1785; m. Nicholas Goodwin of Argyle, N. S.
  10. *Lois*, b. in 1788; m. Heman Kinney.
- iv. *MARTHA*,\* m. at Eastham 30 Jan. 1776 SIMEON HIGGINS. For children see the "Higgins Genealogy," p. 185.
- v. *SETH*. In Samuel Higgins's account book is an entry against Enos Knowles, under date of 11 Mar. 1768, "to making Seth's jacket." In 1791 Thomas Arey was appointed guardian of one Seth Knowles, not described as a minor. From 1793 to 1796 a Seth Knowles was a town charge. In 1801 Seth Knowles of Orleans, "laboring man," had been a private soldier under General Washington, and Thomas Arey was trying to obtain a pension for him. This former soldier died in 1802. While the age of this Seth Knowles in the military rolls, viz., 26 in 1780, agrees fairly well with that

\*The authority for giving Martha as a daughter of Enos<sup>4</sup> Knowles is a memorandum written by the late Josiah Paine, on an original deed from Simeon Higgins to Eliakim Higgins, stating that Simeon Higgins was son-in-law of Enos Knowles and father-in-law of Eliakim Higgins.





of Seth the son of Seth<sup>4</sup> Knowles (24), the latter was not mentioned in his father's will. There is nothing to indicate that Enos Knowles's son Seth married or had children.

- vi. SARAH. About the same time with a Seth Knowles, one Sarah Knowles was a town charge. Sarah Knowles gave heirship deeds of portions of Enos Knowles's farm.

22. CAPT. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Col. Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 6 Oct. 1715, died at Barrington, N. S., in 1769. He married first, at Harwich, 16 Oct. 1735, HANNAH FREEMAN, born 31 May 1719, died *possibly* before her husband migrated to Nova Scotia, daughter of Prince and Mary (Doane) Freeman of Harwich; and secondly SARAH ———, who survived him, her name appearing in the Barrington census dated 1 Jan. 1770 as the Widow Sarah Knowles, with one boy, two girls, three cows, and a sailing vessel. The two girls may have been her children by a former husband.

Capt. Knowles saw extended service as commander of a company in the French and Indian War, taking part in the expeditions to Crown Point and to other points beyond Albany. 1756–1759. In the colonization of Nova Scotia he went first to Liverpool, accompanied by two of his adult sons, who remained at Liverpool on the father's removal to Barrington about 1763. At Barrington he was accorded a leading position, was the only titled man in the settlement, and was usually chosen moderator of the meetings there and was otherwise honored. Later on he settled at the Haulover, at Cape Negro, about 15 miles from the first settlement at Barrington Passage, and while driving cattle across the Clyde River at that place he was drowned in the year 1769.

Children by first wife, born at Eastham:

- i. PRINCE,<sup>5</sup> mariner, b. 30 Oct. 1736; d. before 11 Aug. 1781; m. at Liverpool, N. S., 2 Feb. 1762, ZERVIAH (WICKWIRE) HARDING, widow of Joshua Harding. When the Revolution came on they apparently returned to New England, although he was selling land and a house in Liverpool in 1764 and 1766. Simeon Perkins's diary records that on 11 Aug. 1781 Zerviah Knowles, widow, formerly of Liverpool, had returned there to live, with a son and daughter.  
Child:

1. *Sophia*,<sup>6</sup> m. at Liverpool, N. S., 4 Dec. 1791, Samuel Mack, son of Samuel and Desire Mack. Thirteen children, recorded at Liverpool.

Perhaps other children.

- ii. CAPT. SAMUEL, b. 14 Sept. 1738; d. in 1785; m. at Eastham, 29 Dec. 1763, ABIGAIL LINNELL of Eastham, who survived her husband and by the United States Census of 1790 was still his widow, apparently with a son and two daughters. In 1774 he made an extensive land purchase, in partnership with two Linnells, at Barley Neck, now in Orleans. He served as lieutenant in the Revolution, and probably was captain of the Orleans militia, although his title of captain may have been acquired as a whale fisherman.

Children, recorded at Eastham:

1. *Hannah*,<sup>6</sup> b. 4 Oct. 1764.
2. *Abigail*, b. 2 Aug. 1767.
3. *Samuel*, b. 14 Jan. 1774; d. young, probably in 1775.
4. *Samuel*, bapt. 9 Mar. 1777; d. at Orleans in 1801.

- iii. AZUBAH, b. 11 Nov. 1740.





- iv. HATSEL, b. 5 Nov. 1742; d. at Eastham in 1778; m. at Eastham, 31 Oct. 1765, MARY FREEMAN of Eastham, who survived her husband and m. (2) at Orrington, Me., 8 July 1792, Thomas Dean. His name stood with his father's among the first grantees at Liverpool, N. S., and he was still there in 1766. He evidently took sides with the Colonies when the Revolution came on. He was in Boston 3 May 1777, as master of the sloop *America*, a privateer, when he, with others, signed a petition to the Government. His widow joined the colony on the Penobscot River, where in 1790 she had for near neighbors Abisha Higgins and Thomas Snow and in her household, besides her daughter, one youth or man over 16 and one boy.

Child:

1. Azubah,<sup>6</sup> d. at Hampden, Me., in 1833; m. there, about 1793, Eliashib Delano, who never returned from a surveying trip into the Maine forests. It was surmised that he was murdered. They named a son Hatsel Knowles Delano.

Perhaps other children.

Child by second wife, born at Barrington, N. S.:

- v. CHARLES, b. 7 Apr. 1767.

23. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Col. Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 6 Oct. 1717, died before his father's will, dated 13 Jan. 1751, was made. He married at Eastham, 10 Jan. 1739/40, MERCY FREEMAN, born 19 Feb. 1719/20, died 20 Nov. 1803, daughter of William and Mercy (Pepper) Freeman of Harwich. The young widow was living at Harwich when her intention of marriage to Job Crocker of Eastham was published, 14 Jan. 1747/8. She and her second husband removed to Paxton in 1794.

Child:

- i. NATHANIEL,<sup>5</sup> b. at Eastham 17 Dec. 1740; d. there 24 July 1755 (gravestone in Orleans cemetery). William Freeman of Harwich had been his guardian.

24. SETH<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Col. Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 20 Jan. 1721/2, died there 18 Mar. 1787. He married, 21 Feb. 1744/5, RUTH FREEMAN, born at Eastham 13 Sept. 1727, died there 12 May 1812, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Myrick) Freeman of Eastham.

He probably lived all his life and died in the house in which he was born, but in 1762 he made a trip to Barrington, N. S., where he was one of the committee to secure the town grant for that township. His wife was a member of the Orleans church, and, as his widow, occupied for a quarter of a century the homestead, with her daughters.

Children, born at Eastham:

- i. FREEMAN,<sup>5</sup> b. 24 Nov. 1745; living in 1817; m. at Eastham, 23 Nov. 1769, ESTHER MYRICK of Eastham, who was drowned in the Penobscot River 2 Apr. 1797, while crossing the river in a boat. He removed to the Penobscot (by way of Gorham, Me.), and was living there in the lifetime of his father, whose will provided that the younger brothers should pay him his portion in Indian corn, to be shipped periodically from Eastham to the Penobscot River. His homestead was near what is now Neally's





Corner, in Hampden, Me., where he had settled as early as 1777. He was moderator of the first town meeting there.

Children:\*

1. *Betsey*,<sup>6</sup> b. 25 Mar. 1772; living at Hampden, Me., in 1861; m. at Prospect, Me., 12 Sept. 1793, Aaron Walker, b. at Eastham 12 Oct. 1765, d. 27 Sept. 1836. Eleven children.
  2. *Jonathan*, b. in 1778; d. at Hampden, Me., in 1858; m. Mehitable Snow of Orrington, Me., who d. in 1859. He represented Hampden in the Massachusetts General Court three years. Eleven children.
  3. *Amasa*, b. at Hampden, Me., about 1780; d. at Kirkwood, Ill., 12 Nov. 1864, aged 84; m. 4 Mar. 1804 Mercy Simpson. Seven children.
  4. *Ruth*, b. in 1781; d. 11 June 1853; m. Benjamin Walker, b. 2 Nov. 1775, d. at Hampden, Me., 23 Apr. 1848, a brother of her sister Betsey's husband. Nine children.
  5. *Reuben*.
  6. *Abigail*.
  7. *Esther*.
- ii. CAPT. NATHANIEL, b. 14 Mar. 1750; d. at Orleans 5 Mar. 1825; m. (1) (intention recorded at Eastham, 21 Sept. 1776) JERUSHA SMITH, b. 8 July 1755, d. 12 Aug. 1801, daughter of Nathan and Mary (Freeman) Smith; m. (2) REBECCA CROSBY of Harwich, who d. at Orleans 4 Aug. 1818, aged 60, m. (3) JAMES ———, who d. at Orleans 11 Feb. 1837, aged 75. He was selectman of Orleans for seven years. In his father's will he was given the land on which his house already stood. He settled at Namskaket, in Orleans, where his sons and daughters later on made a Knowles village, now all in the hands of strangers. His children are shown by heirship deeds of the lands of their Grandfather Smith.
- Children by first wife, b. at Orleans:
1. *Seth*,<sup>6</sup> b. 18 Dec. 1779; d. at Orleans 15 Aug. 1861; m. (intention recorded at Brewster, 22 Aug. 1809) Patia Crosby of Brewster, who d. at Orleans 12 Feb. 1855, aged 71 years, 7 months, daughter of Seth Crosby of Brewster, where this Seth Knowles lived when first married. In 1812 he bought the homestead of Zoheth and Phebe Smith, adjoining his father's farm at Namskaket, in Orleans, and there spent his life. Six surviving children.
  2. *Nathaniel*, b. 28 June 1782; d. at Orleans 31 July 1853; m. (1) in 1814 Sarah Sparrow; m. (2) Zerviah (Higgins) Sparrow, b. 3 Jan. 1786, d. 20 Feb. 1876, daughter of Lot Higgins and widow of Josiah Sparrow. He lived to old age on part of his father's farm. Four children.
  3. *Achsah*, b. about 1784; d. unm. at Orleans 11 Nov. 1860, aged 76. She lived away from Orleans for many years, but finally returned and built a house on the north side of the road opposite her birthplace, where she lived out her life.
  4. *Hannah*, m. John Brown.
  5. *Jerusha*, d. at Orleans 18 Feb. 1816.
  6. *Mary*, b. about 1789; d. unm. in Boston 3 June 1849, aged 60; bur. in the Orleans cemetery. She was a tailoress in Boston.
  7. *Isaac*, b. about 1793; d. 28 Feb. 1857, aged 64; m. 29 Jan. 1829 Sally Higgins, b. 10 July 1800, daughter of Eliakim Higgins. Five children, two of whom were drowned in boyhood.
- iii. SETH, b. 20 Apr. 1752. He was not named in his father's will, but he may have seen service in the Revolution (*vide supra*, 21, v).
- iv. RUTH, b. 3 Aug. 1754; m. 6 July 1788, as his second wife, ELEAZER FREEMAN. An unknown number of his children were the first wife's or hers.

\*From a traditionary list, printed in the *Bangor Historical Magazine*, vol. 6, p. 245, in which, however, Amasa appears as "Amos."





- v. SAMUEL, b. 6 Nov. 1756; d. probably in 1778. He was not mentioned in his father's will.
- vi. AMASA, b. 15 Apr. 1758; probably the Amasa Knowles who d. in 1778. He was not mentioned in his father's will.
- vii. DR. ABIATHER, b. 5 Feb. 1760; d. at Hampden, Me., after 1795; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 1 Nov. 1783) his third cousin once removed, HANNAH SPARROW (15, ii, 7), b. at Eastham 8 Dec. 1761, d. in 1828, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Knowles) Sparrow. He removed to Hampden, Me., about 1795, and practised medicine there a few years before his death. His surviving heirs in 1816 were Abiather, James, Barnabas, and Rebecca Knowles and Timothy Clarry, son of a deceased daughter.

## Children:

- 1. A child,<sup>6</sup> d. in 1784.
- 2. Samuel, b. 9 Apr. 1786
- 3. Sally,\* b. 9 Mar. 1788 } and bapt. at Orleans 5 Aug. 1792.
- 4. Isaac, b. 22 May 1790 }
- 5. Abiather, bapt. at Orleans 5 Aug. 1792; living in 1816.
- 6. James, bapt. at Orleans 5 Oct. 1794; living in 1816.
- 7. Barnabas, living in 1816.
- 8. Rebecca, living in 1816.
- viii. MARY, b. 14 Dec. 1762; d. before 12 Oct. 1816; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 8 Sept. 1789) her third cousin once removed, JAMES<sup>6</sup> KNOWLES (19, i, 4), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham in Jan. 1756, d. in 1794, son of James and Abigail (Atwood) Knowles. In 1798 Molly Knowles was an Orleans taxpayer. In a deed dated 12 Oct. 1816 reservation was made of rights in the pear trees belonging to the heirs of Mary Knowles, late of Orleans, deceased. They had children.
- ix. HANNAH, b. 4 Oct. 1764; d. *s.p.* 16 Feb. 1816; m. (1) at Eastham, 15 Nov. 1791, BARNABAS SMITH of Eastham, b. 27 Feb. 1762, d. at Eastham 7 May 1794, son of Seth Smith of Eastham; m. (2) in Jan. 1806, as his second wife, her third cousin once removed, MAJ. HENRY<sup>6</sup> KNOWLES (14, vi, 1), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham 20 July 1775, d. at Orleans 13 Apr. 1838 (having m. a third wife, who survived him), son of Elijah and Rebecca (Harding) Knowles.
- x. CHLOE, b. 28 Dec. 1766; d. at Orleans 9 Feb. 1816; m. (intention recorded at Eastham, 5 June 1795) GIDEON SMITH SNOW, who d. at Orleans 3 Feb. 1846, æt. 87. They lived in the house of her father, which had been probably the house of her grandfather, Col. Samuel<sup>3</sup> Knowles (6). After Mr. Snow's death his second wife, Lusha (Freeman) Snow, is remembered as keeping a bakeshop in this house.  
Children (surname *Snow*):  
1. Harriet, m. Joseph C. Mayo of Orleans.  
2. Barnabas.
- xi. JERUSHA, b. 15 Oct. 1768; d. unm. at Orleans 30 Sept. 1847. She, her widowed mother, and her sister, Mrs. Snow, occupied different parts of the family mansion. Administration on her estate was granted to Joseph C. Mayo, "husband of one of the neices."
- xii. ABNER, b. 1 Feb. 1770; m. at Orrington, Me., 9 July 1795, DORCAS GODFREY. As early as 1798 he was living at Thirty Mile Pond Plantation, which became the town of Unity, Me., where he was the practising physician and for many years town clerk.
- xiii. ACHSAH, b. 2 Nov. 1773; d. in 1783. She was not mentioned in her father's will.

25. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), joiner, born at Windham, Conn., about 1720, died at Harrington (now Milbridge), Me., before 1800. He married at Harwich,

\*She is probably the daughter of Dr. Abiather Knowles who married ——— Clarry and was deceased in 1816, leaving a son, Timothy Clarry.





8 May 1744, the marriage record calling him "of Eastham," MARY MAKER of Harwich.

He was called "of Falmouth" (Me.), and his trade was given as that of joiner, in a deed dated 15 Apr. 1746, by which he bought from Joseph Parker 15 acres of land in that part of Falmouth, Me., which afterwards became the town of Cape Elizabeth and is now South Portland. According to the Falmouth town records he was in 1747 chosen deer preserver and in 1758 and 1759 tithingman. In the military census of 1757 Nathaniel Knowles and Samuel Knowles appear in the Cape Elizabeth trainband. In the grants of new townships east of Union River, in the region now included in Hancock and Washington Counties, Me., many of the Provincetown people who had moved to Cape Elizabeth are found among the grantees. Nathaniel Knowles was among the grantees of No. 5, including the present towns of Harrington and Milbridge. The last trace of him at Cape Elizabeth is in a petition about alewives in 1767, signed by Joseph Cobb, Ebenezer Cobb, Natha. Knowls, and Benj. Dyer, Jr.

A petition to the Massachusetts General Court from this new settlement, undated but evidently of the Revolutionary period, bears the autograph signatures of Nathaniel Knowls and Thomas Strout (his son-in-law), signing together (Massachusetts Archives, Revolution, vol. 5, p. 363). Their grants of land were confirmed to them 2 Apr. 1794, and the plan of the township showing the original lots and grantees gives two adjoining lots laid out to these two men and an additional lot, No. 11, farther down in the town, to Nathaniel Knowles (Massachusetts Archives, Plan Book 60, p. 2). In 1790 Nathaniel Knowles was probably living in the family of his son-in-law, Thomas Strout, but the United States Census of 1800 indicates that he had died. He conveyed no land and left no will; and Thomas and Mary Strout lived on that part of his grants which they did not sell, as do their descendants to the present day.

Child:

- i. MARY,<sup>5</sup> m. at Cape Elizabeth, 2 Jan. 1766, THOMAS STROUT, b. about 1744 (being aged 16 in 1760). They and her parents moved to eastern Maine together. According to the United States Census of 1790, for what is now Milbridge, Thomas Strout's family consisted of three males over 16, with none under that age, and six females of all ages. These may have included four generations, Father and Mother Knowles and children of a son, Thomas Strout, Jr. By the United States Census of 1800 there were two girls under 16 at home. As late as 1809 Thomas and Mary Strout were giving deeds of the upriver lots granted to him and her father.

Only known child (surname *Strout*):

1. *Thomas*. It seems necessary to assume the existence of this intervening Thomas Strout to make the connecting link between the Thomas who married in 1766 Mary<sup>5</sup> Knowles and the Thomas who married about 1820 Jane Sawyer (who, according to the United States Census, was aged 46 in 1850). This latter Thomas, born about 1795 (United States Census of 1850), went out in the War of 1812. He





lived to old age on the Nathaniel Knowles lot fronting Narragaus Bay; and his grandson, Leonard Rowe, now living, states that his grandfather said that his father, Thomas Strout, lived "up-river," and that a grave pointed out in Ephraim Turner's field (which is said to be a part of the Knowles upriver grant, Lot 17) was his mother's grave. This actual Thomas Strout, born about 1795, is said to have had two sisters, Lucy and Abigail, who married, respectively, a Pratt and a Hinkley, and two brothers, John and Lewis, who, according to the United States Census of 1850 were born, respectively, in 1808 and 1812. All but one of these lived, died, and were buried on the Knowles lot; and their houses are marked on the map of Washington County, in 1861, as Mrs. J. Strout, L. Strout, J. Rowe, T. Strout, and H. Hinkley. By the United States Census of 1810 Thomas Strout and his wife were over 45, with one girl over 16 in their family.

26. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), a posthumous child, born at Provincetown in 1733, died at Pleasant River Plantation (now Addison), Me., prior to 1777. He married (intention recorded at Falmouth, Me., 27 Dec. 1754) SARAH ELWELL, who was living at Addison in 1778 and probably in 1799.

His name first appears in accessible records in 1757. Beginning in January of that year and continuing until 4 Oct. 1762, there are charges against him in an account book of Phineas Jones, a merchant in Falmouth. In the same year (1757) he and Nathaniel Knowles were listed with the Cape Elizabeth trainband. Under date of 20 July 1757 a petition to the Massachusetts government from Pearisontown Plantation (now Standish), Me., bears three names, Thomas Stevens, Samuel Knowles, John Walker. In 1759 he was listed in Capt. William Gerrish's marching company, for the protection of the frontiers. An original roll of Capt. Benjamin Waite's company, enlisted for the reduction of Canada (Massachusetts Archives, vol. 98, p. 110), includes the names of Samuel Knowles, aged 27, birthplace Cape Cod, residence Pearisontown, Bryer Smith, aged 22, birthplace Cape Cod, and Thomas Strout, aged 18, birthplace Falmouth.

Samuel Knowles first attempted to settle at Standish, in the interior of Cumberland Co., Me., and, when the French and Indian War came on, he remained there as a frontier soldier as long as the place was held, and afterwards served in the marching company, having moved his family back to Cape Elizabeth. In the grant of townships in far eastern Maine in 1764, his name was included among the grantees of No. 6, now Addison, and his signature is attached to an undated petition to Governor Hutchinson from the inhabitants of Pleasant River, about 1770. His grant was confirmed to Freeman Knowles, as his heir, 4 June 1794, and the plan of the township required by the government in 1794 contains the entry on Lot No. 13, "Freeman Knowles dec., assignee & heir to Samuel Knowles."





His 200-acre grant now makes several homesteads. That of Mrs. Lawrence Goudet includes the southern third of it, which was set off as the dower of Freeman Knowles's widow. The site of the original house is far inland, on a road not now used, on land (a blueberry pasture) now owned by E. K. Plummer. There are said to be illegible inscriptions there, on gravestones hidden in the brush. Stephen Jones McCausland, related to the Knowleses both by blood and by marriage, took down the original house and built a house nearer the road, which was afterwards occupied by the Hinckleys. Other owners are E. H. Preble, Alfred Norton, and A. W. Drisko, and a schoolhouse stands on the land next to the river.

The census of the plantation, 27 Apr. 1778, shows "Widow Knowles," with four in her family, and William Ingersoll, with two in his family, living in the same house or next door. These figures agree with what can be gathered from other sources, viz., that his children were two sons and two daughters.

Children, born in Cumberland Co., Me.:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> m. WILLIAM INGERSOLL of Addison, Me., who d. at Columbia, Me., in 1807.

Children (surname *Ingersoll*):

1. William, m. in June 1804 Susan Wass, and settled in Columbia. Sixteen children.
2. Nathaniel, m. (1) Prudence Steward; m. (2) Susanna Sawyer. Nine children by first wife.
3. Sarah, m. Robert Allen. Seven children.
4. Samuel, m. Lydia L. Look. Eleven children.
5. Eliza, m. Isaac Littlefield. Two children.
6. Mary, m. Solomon Root. They lived in Pennsylvania.
7. James, m. Margaret M. Wass. Seven children.
8. Susan, m. William Hines of Brewer, Me. One child.
9. Thomas. He went to Michigan when a young man, and nothing further was heard of him.

- ii. FREEMAN, b. in 1755; d. at Addison, Me., 27 Nov. 1797; bur. in the Addison Hill Cemetery, where his gravestone is standing; m. SUSANNA (or ABIGAIL) NASH, who survived him, daughter of Joseph Nash. According to a traditionary Nash family genealogy her Christian name was Abigail, but administration on the estate of Freeman Knowles was granted to his widow, Susanna, who m. (2) 30 Mar. 1805 Moses Worster of Columbia and was signing deeds to release her dower rights as late as 1836. In her account as administratrix, filed in 1799, is an item reading: "Paid Arbitrators settling with Sarah Knowles \$2." This Sarah Knowles was more likely the widow of Samuel Knowles than her granddaughter. Both Freeman and Samuel Knowles served in the Revolution in 1780, under Col. John Allan.

Children, b. at Addison:

1. Susanna,<sup>6</sup> m. at Columbia, Me., 3 Feb. 1798, John McKenzie.
2. Sarah, m. Isaiah Nash, Jr., of Harrington. Both were living in 1820. By tradition their oldest son, Freeman Knowles Nash, was the first white person born in Harrington Village, Me. Six children.
3. Abraham, under 16 in 1790; d. before 12 May 1815, when administration on his estate was granted to his widow, who was appointed guardian of their three children; m. Prudence Hillman, who d. about 1852, leaving a second husband, Jonathan Sawyer, who is said to have been an





Englishman. They lived on the widow's dower, as long as she lived.

4. *Mary*, b. 3 Sept. 1785; d. 17 Apr. 1876; m. 27 Nov. 1806 Aaron Wass of Indian River, in Addison.
  5. *Abigail*, b. 31 July 1787; d. 19 Sept. 1873; m. 18 Jan. 1816, as his second wife, her first cousin, Alexander McCaslin (26, iv, 4), *q.v.*, son of John and Sarah<sup>5</sup> (Knowles) McCaslin and widower of her sister Thankful (26, ii, 6). Four children.
  6. *Thankful*, b. in 1789; d. 14 Nov. 1814; m. 1 Dec. 1809 her first cousin, Alexander McCaslin (26, iv, 4), *q.v.*, son of John and Sarah<sup>5</sup> (Knowles) McCaslin, who survived her and m. (2) her sister Abigail (26, ii, 5). One daughter.
  7. *Amy*, m. after 1809 Levi Wass of Columbia, Me., a brother of the husband of her sister Mary (26, ii, 4).
- iii. **SAMUEL**, b. 4 June 1759; d. at Sedgwick, Me., 7 Oct. 1819; m. 4 Oct. 1783 JANE GRAY, b. 1 Jan. 1764, d. at Sedgwick 29 Dec. 1836. He served in the Revolution from Pleasant River, now Addison. A census of Sedgwick in 1785 contains this entry: "Samuel Knowles, 2 souls, 3 years settled." He took up Lot No. 111 in that town, adjoining the Blue Hill line. A road now abandoned led to his house, which was last occupied by a granddaughter, Mary Ann Bridges, about 1870. The site of the house and the gravestones are now covered with woods and underbrush. The land is owned by Will Williams, who lives in the house that formerly was occupied by Samuel<sup>6</sup> Knowles.

Children, b. at Sedgwick, Me.:

1. *Hannah*,<sup>6</sup> b. 4 Mar. 1784; d. 4 Apr. 1784.
  2. *Sally*, b. 23 Mar. 1789; m. James Cunningham. Six children.
  3. *Freeman*, b. 23 Nov. 1792; killed in Michigan by a falling tree.
  4. *Nathaniel Ingerson*,\* b. 1 Mar. 1794; d. in 1878; m. Polly Billings. Five children.
  5. *Lydia*, b. 24 Mar. 1796; d. 21 Mar. 1839; m. 27 June 1818 Jeremiah McIntire. Nine children.
  6. *Samuel*, b. 27 Mar. 1798; m. Deborah Billings. One child.
  7. *Phebe*, b. 8 May 1800; m. Gideon Cloyes. Two children.
  8. *Amy*, b. 28 June 1802; d. 29 Apr. 1880; m. 2 Mar. 1823 Benjamin Clough of Blue Hill, Me. Eight or more children.
- iv. **SARAH**, b. 22 June 1762; m. 17 Nov. 1779 JOHN McCASLIN, b. 3 Apr. 1757. Their family Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Eva A. I. Sawyer of Milbridge, Me., contains the record of their children.

Children (surname *McCaslin*):

1. *James*, b. 29 Mar. 1780; m. Rebecca Door.
2. *John*, b. 11 Sept. 1782; m. 26 Oct. 1810 Polly Nash. One or more children.
3. *Hannah*, b. 3 Mar. 1783; m. 14 Apr. 1802 Jonathan Cushing.
4. *Alexander*, b. 2 Nov. 1785; d. 20 May 1863; m. (1) 1 Dec. 1809 his first cousin, Thankful<sup>6</sup> Knowles (26, ii, 6), b. in 1789, d. 14 Nov. 1814, daughter of Freeman and Susanna (Nash) Knowles; m. (2) 18 Jan. 1816 Abigail<sup>6</sup> Knowles (26, ii, 5), b. 31 July 1787, d. 19 Sept. 1873, sister of his first wife. One daughter by first wife and four children by second wife. Stephen Jones McCaslin, a son by the second wife, m. his cousin, Louisa (Knowles) Wass, and lived for some years on the Knowles homestead before it passed out of the family.
5. *Mary*, b. 2 Oct. 1787; m. 28 Nov. 1814 Edward Tompkins.

\*Candage's account of early Blue Hill (Me.) settlers states that Samuel Knowles (26, iii) was born on Cape Cod. Mrs. Merrill Howard of Blue Hill, a great-granddaughter, was told by the elders that "Great-grandfather Samuel" came from the eastward, and she is confident that the place was Addison. At any rate, it was where the *Ingersolls* lived, for whom her grandfather, Nathaniel Ingerson Knowles, was named. He was "fond of those people but liked Ingerson better than Ingersoll."





6. *Jane*, b. 5 Nov. 1789; d. 17 Sept. 1790.
7. *Freeman*, b. 1 Dec. 1790; d. 31 Mar. 1812.
8. *David*, b. 27 Oct. 1792; d. unm. 11 Dec. 1872.
9. *Shepard*, b. 17 Mar. 1795; m. (1) 14 May 1818 Rebecca Wass, who d. 13 Jan. 1823; m. (2) 8 May 1823 Catherine Brown, who d. 6 Dec. 1824; m. (3) his first cousin once removed, Elvina S. Ingersoll, b. 18 Feb. 1809, daughter of William and Susan (Wass) Ingersoll (cf. 26, i, 1). No children.
10. *Sally*, b. 14 Dec. 1797; d. at Charleston, Me., 11 June 1864; m. 14 Nov. 1822 Ephraim Libby, b. at Harrington, Me., 26 Jan. 1794, d. 7 Dec. 1853. Eight children.
11. *Anna W.*, b. 20 Mar. 1804; d. 16 Feb. 1810.

27. CORNELIUS<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Lieut. Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Chatham 10 Apr. 1722, died at Liverpool, N. S., 4 July 1794. He married MARY HOPKINS, who died at Liverpool 22 Jan. 1788, æt. 62, daughter of Elisha Hopkins of Chatham.

Joining the emigration from Cape Cod to Nova Scotia, he was one of the original grantees of the township of Liverpool, and quickly received recognition among them. At the second meeting of the proprietors he was elected treasurer. In 1764 he was voted liberty to build a sawmill at Port Medway River, and he secured capital in Boston, by means of which, with partners, the mill was built at what is now Mill Village. He was a trader in the town, and at some periods the innholder. *The Liverpool Advance* recently printed a picture of "The Cornelius Knowles Homestead," a one-story, double house with lean-to, as it appeared before it was removed from Fort Point, in the town, to Bristol.

Children, all but the youngest born at Chatham:\*

- i. CORNELIUS.<sup>5</sup> He received a deed from his father 12 June 1766. Administration on his estate was granted 3 Oct. 1769 to Lothrop Freeman, to whom was transferred an intended land grant.
- ii. MARTHA, b. about 1748; d. 10 June 1761, æt. 14. At the grave of this young girl stands what is regarded as the earliest lettered gravestone in southern Nova Scotia.
- iii. EXPERIENCE, d. 14 Aug. 1777; m. 8 Nov. 1768 LOTHROP FREEMAN, son of Elisha Freeman, Esq., and his wife, Lydia.  
Children (surname *Freeman*), b. at Liverpool, N. S.:  
  1. *Mary*, b. 20 July 1770; m. 6 May 1793 Richard Carder. Five children.
  2. *Priscilla*, b. 31 Aug. 1774; m. 21 Nov. 1797 Ichabod Doggett, son of John Doggett, Esq., and his wife, Abigail. About 1785 her grandfather was haled into court for laying hands on a youth who was abusing his granddaughter. Two children recorded.
- iv. JAMES, mariner, b. about 1756; d. 1 Jan. 1809, æt. 53; m. 26 Nov. 1779 ELIZABETH BURBANK, who d. 26 Sept. 1842, æt. 80, daughter of Timothy and Betty Burbank of Liverpool, N. S. He met several adventures on the seas, being twice taken by privateers in the Revolution and in 1805 being captured, with his schooner, the *Morning Star*, near Guadeloupe. In his earlier years he ran a packet between Liverpool and Halifax, sailing sometimes to Boston; and later on he conducted a cooperage business, with a shop, store, and wharf in Liverpool.

\*Besides the children whose names are given in the text there may have been a son John, probably older than James, for Simeon Perkins's diaries of Liverpool events contain the item: "March 31, 1767, John Knowles shipped on board the sloop Liberty."





## Children, b. at Liverpool:

1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>6</sup> b. 4 Sept. 1780; m. 29 June 1800 Benjamin Collins, son of Joseph Collins, Jr., and his wife, Desire, of Liverpool. Five children recorded.
  2. *Cornelius*, b. 13 Apr. 1782.
  3. *Jane*, b. 9 Dec. 1785.
  4. *Richard*, b. 3 Feb. 1788.
  5. *Lothrop*, b. 15 Nov. 1790.
  6. *Elisha*, b. 28 Dec. 1792.
  7. *Elkanah*, b. 3 Oct. 1794.
  8. *Mercy*, b. 9 July 1796.
  9. *Thomas*, b. 20 May 1798.
  10. *Parker*, b. 25 May 1800.
  11. *Mary*, b. 15 Oct. 1802.
- v. *MARTHA*, b. at Liverpool, N. S., 14 May 1762; m. there, 17 June 1780, SNOW PARKER, son of Benjamin and Mary Parker. Children (surname *Parker*), b. at Liverpool:
1. *Experience*, b. in July 1782.
  2. *Samuel*, b. 29 Oct. 1784.
  3. *Mary*, b. 25 July 1787.
  4. *Samuel*, b. 22 Jan. 1790; drowned at Liverpool 14 June 1794.
  5. *Knowles*, b. 23 Sept. 1792.
  6. *Betsey*, b. 1 Jan. 1795.
  7. *Patty*, b. 26 July 1797; d. at Liverpool 14 Mar. 1801.
  8. *Desire*, b. 4 Sept. 1799.
  9. *Rhoda*, b. 30 May 1805.

28. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Capt. John*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), of Hartford, Conn., born at Hartford and baptized at the South Church there 1 Oct. 1732, died at Hartford 20 Aug. 1766. He married at Wethersfield, Conn., 6 Oct. 1757, MARY McLOUD, born about 1737, died at Hartford 1 Oct. 1769, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth McLoud of Norwalk, Conn.

He received a considerable part of his father's real estate by will, and appears to have occupied the homestead. According to a distribution of his estate allowed by the Probate Court 11 Aug. 1776, it was divided between his widow, Mary, his only son, John, and his only daughter, Elizabeth.

## Children, born apparently at Hartford:

- i. ELIZABETH,<sup>5</sup> b. about 1758; d. 2 Aug. 1810, aged 52; m. JOHN ALLEN of Hartford. They lived on the Knowles homestead, which they had acquired partly by inheritance and partly by purchase from Elizabeth's brother John. The records of the South Church show the deaths of several children in childhood.
- ii. JOHN, b. about 1760; d. at Hartford 3 Apr. 1820, aged 60; m. HEPZIBAH ———, b. about 1770, bur. at Hartford 2 May 1845, aged 75. Her will (Hartford Probate Records, vol. 47, p. 148) mentions no children, and the beneficiaries were Polly Crosby, Cynthia Phelps, David S. Dodge, Richard Webster, and, chiefly, David Palmer. John<sup>5</sup> Knowles enlisted 27 May 1777, at the age of 17, in the Fourth Troop of Light Dragoons, under Col. Elisha Sheldon. His residence was given as Hartford and his occupation as baker. His height was 5 feet, 8 inches, complexion dark, eyes gray, hair dark. After the war he had a house on part of his father's home lot, and gradually sold off or mortgaged his inherited lands until his property was placed under control of a conservator. After 1802 nothing is found about him until the record of his death and the granting of a pension to his widow.

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Page 164, line 17 (No. 136). *To the paragraph ending on this line add the following sentence: He was captain of the United Company of the Train of Artillery in the Town and County of Providence in 1836 and 1837, major in 1838, lieutenant colonel in 1839, and colonel in 1840 and 1841.*

#### LATER ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

##### VOL. 79

Page 350, line 14 (No. 36, xi). *For b. read d.*

Page 350, line 15 (No. 36, xii). *After 1837 insert semicolon and add d. 22 June 1837.*

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Page 35, lines 46-47 (No. 59). *For HELEN CROSS, who lived but a few months after her marriage read HELEN J. CROSS, who died 3 May 1852, a few months after her marriage, aged 20 years, and was buried at Shaftsbury, Vt.*

### THE KNOWLES FAMILY OF EASTHAM, MASS.

By CHARLES THORNTON LIBBY, Esq., of Portland, Me.

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29. CAPT. AMOS<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Amos*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born at Eastham 18 Dec. 1730, died there 30 Nov. 1796. He married first, at Eastham, 31 Oct. 1765, ABIGAIL PEPPER, who died in 1785, daughter of Solomon Pepper of Eastham; and secondly, 15 Mar. 1787, MARY BROWN of Eastham, who died on her late husband's homestead 14 Feb. 1816.

An active and efficient man, he went down to Nova Scotia in 1762, with a stock of cattle, and represented the new settlers at what became Barrington in securing their grant from the Provincial Government at Halifax. He evidently did not take his family there. In the Revolution he served twice as the representative of Eastham in the Second Provincial Congress at Cambridge.

He built his house on land of his father's on the north side of the road which passes the railroad station and the Methodist burying ground. After the death of his widow his three surviving children sold the house to Heman Snow, 3d, and Josiah Higgins Snow, both of whom lived in it until Heman Snow built farther in and to the west. A lane formerly separated Capt. Amos Knowles's land from that of his cousin, Seth<sup>4</sup> Knowles (24), on which the railway station now stands. This lane led southeasterly to the old county road before either Main Street or the present county road was built. When Main Street was laid out, it took the place of the lane.\*

\*Barnstable Deeds, vol. 8, p. 172; Re-recorded Deeds, Orleans, vol. 2, pp. 192, 222; Barnstable Probate Files, No. 1274.





In 1808 the children of Capt. Amos Knowles had "the old house field" surveyed and divided into three parts, "equal for quantity and quality." The northern third part, containing 3 acres and 132 rods, they sold to Dr. Benjamin Seabury.\* The deeds of the other two parts were not re-recorded after the Barnstable County court house was burned, but presently the middle section, of 3 acres, was passing through several hands, namely, those of Jonathan Bascom, Jr., Timothy Doane, Nathaniel and Mary Crosby, and Dr. Benjamin Seabury, until it became the settled homestead of Thomas S. Newcomb. It is thought that Dr. Seabury built the present Newcomb house, which, within living memory, was the only house standing in the ten-acre "old house field." The lower three-acre lot, on which perhaps, until recent years, no house ever stood, was acquired by Capt. Seth Smith (*vide infra*, under 31, ii), who also held the title to his father-in-law's homestead. In Captain Smith's inventory is an item of 3 acres of land on the northerly side of John Knowles's homestead.

Children by first wife, born at Eastham:

- i. JAMES,<sup>5</sup> b. 17 Nov. 176—; d. before his father.
- ii. RICHARD, b. 13 Sept. 176—; d. at Eastham 19 Dec. 1771.
- iii. LYDIA, b. 4 Aug. 176—; d. at Eastham 15 Jan. 1772.
- iv. AMOS, b. 19 Sept. 176—; d. before his father.
- v. SOLOMON, b. 24 Oct. 1770; d. before his father.
- vi. LYDIA, b. 22 Aug. 1772; d. at Orleans 31 May 1843; m. (1) at Eastham (intention recorded at Eastham, 30 Aug. 1794) her third cousin once removed, ROBERT<sup>6</sup> KNOWLES (20, vi, 1), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham 19 May 1770, d. there 13 Dec. 1800, son of John and Susannah (Walker) Knowles; m. (2) at Eastham, in Dec. 1812, HEMAN SNOW, who d. at Orleans 23 Oct. 1827, æt. 62.

Children by first husband (surname *Knowles*), b. at Eastham:

1. Abigail, b. 9 Apr. 1795; m. Heman Snow, 3d. Six children.
2. Mehitabel, b. 25 July 1798; m. Jonathan Sherman. Seven children.
3. Sylvia, b. 18 Apr. 1800; m. Joshua Higgins. Six children.
- vii. PHEBE, b. 24 July 1774; d. at Orleans 19 Mar. 1824; m. at Orleans, 29 Nov. 1798, ELISHA SMITH, b. at Orleans 5 Aug. 1772, d. there 16 Nov. 1821, son of Elisha and Jennett (Higgins) Smith. Her four children, her son-in-law, Thomas J. Elliott, and her sister, Lydia (Knowles) (Knowles) Snow, conveyed land in 1833 as the only heirs of Capt. Amos Knowles.

Children (surname *Smith*), order of births not known:

1. Mary K., m. ——— Simpson.
2. Lucinda, m. Thomas J. Elliott.
3. Elisha.
4. Phebe K.
- viii. EDWARD, b. 22 Aug. 1778; d. before his father.
- ix. RICHARD, named as nephew of Rebecca (Knowles) Freeman (11, iii), *q.v.*, in the will of her husband, Dea. Joshua Freeman, who d. 22 Sept. 1795; d. before his father, unless possibly he was not named in his father's will because he had been provided for by his aunt's husband. His heirs, 23 Oct. 1809, were his three sisters and his brother, George Brown Knowles.
- x. PETER, d. in 1799. He outlived his father, but d. before the estate was settled.

\*Re-recorded Deeds, Orleans, vol. 1, p. 268.





## Children by second wife:

- xi. GEORGE BROWN, b. 20 Jan. 1788; d. at sea in 1810. Administration on his estate was granted, 20 Oct. 1810, to Elisha Smith. The father's homestead was inventoried as his, but it fell to his three surviving sisters.
- xii. A CHILD, d. in 1790.
- xiii. MARY B., d. in Boston in 1833; m. in Boston, 22 Mar. 1824, JOHN COOMBS, master mariner, who d. in 1825. As a child she was placed under the guardianship of Capt. Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> Knowles (24, ii), and was represented by him in the earlier sales of her father's estate; but in 1817, when her father's house and homestead were sold, she was residing in Boston, and was a tailoress. After her husband's death she conducted a boarding house in Boston, at 6 Sewall Place, off from Milk Street.

30. REV. ISAAC<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Amos*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), A.B. (Harvard, 1768), A.M. (*ib.*, 1771), born in that part of Eastham which is now the town of Orleans, 3 June 1741, died at Troy, N. Y., 5 Feb. 1818. He married (intention recorded at Eastham, 16 Sept. 1775) DELIVERANCE (BASSETT) HALL, born 14 Apr. 1751, died at Troy after 1820, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Freeman) Bassett of Sandwich and widow of Elisha Hall of Sandwich. At the time of her second marriage the young widow had just been appointed guardian of her two sons, Jonathan and Elisha Hall.

He was a preacher on the Penobscot River, in Maine, before there were any records kept in that region. Greenleaf, in his "Ecclesiastical Sketches," speaking of the region of Bangor, Orrington, etc., says: "The first minister that ever preached stately in this region was a Mr. Knowles from Cape Cod. How long he tarried among the people on the river is not known." Somewhat later he was preaching at Barrington, the Cape Cod settlement in Nova Scotia, where in 1771 he was marrying people. He held services regularly there from Nov. 1771 to Mar. 1772 and again in 1773 (Crowell's History of Barrington, pp. 167-168). In 1774 he was still a member of the Orleans Church. After his marriage he lived at Sandwich, and the following statement in Sabine's "Loyalists" (vol. 1, p. 608) can relate to no one but him: "Israel Knowles, of Sandwich, Mass., imprisoned for his offenses, real or alleged, in February 1778." Investigation of this matter is cut off by the burning of the Barnstable County Court records.

After the Revolution he is described in deeds as a "trader." He removed to Troy, N. Y., in 1794, and made his first investment there 4 May 1795. He did not sell his homestead in Sandwich until August of that year. He built his residence in Troy on River Street, where he continued to live until his death. Other lots were acquired, until he had a large tract extending through from River Street to Fourth Street. This land, mostly owned by one Vanderheyden, was leased to him for a period of ninety-nine years, and years later it was cut up into house lots and disposed of by his grandson, Edward Knowles. In Troy deeds he is called "yeoman," "trader,"





"gentleman," and "merchant." No reference to his preaching has been found after his settlement at Troy, although the newspapers, in his death notice twenty-three years later, gave him the clerical title.

The *Troy Post* of Tuesday, 10 Feb. 1818, briefly announced his death: "In this city on Thursday last Rev. Isaac Knowles, aged 75 years." In his will, dated 12 Jan. 1818 and entered of record 4 May 1818, he mentioned his wife, five children, and one grandson. He and his wife, their four sons, and their daughter Deliverance were buried in the old Mount Ida Cemetery, long since in a state of decay.

Children, all except the last one born at Sandwich:

- i. ISAAC,<sup>5</sup> b. 24 Sept. 1776; apparently counted in his father's family in the United States Census of 1800, which enumerates in this family three males between 16 and 26, but not mentioned in his father's will.
- ii. JOHN, b. 20 Feb. 1778; apparently counted in his father's family in the United States Census of 1800, but not mentioned in his father's will, evidently *d. s. p.* In 1806 John Knowles, Jr. of Troy (presumably this young man), bought from Jacob Vanderheyden the lot in the rear of his father's lot, and in 1811 conveyed it to Isaac Knowles (his father), with no mention of relationship. John Knowles, Sr., also a near neighbor, who was a young man over 26, with three young children in 1800, was the orphaned son of Rev. Isaac Knowles's first cousin, Ensign James<sup>4</sup> Knowles (32). Both John Knowles, Jr., and John Knowles, Sr., were apparently living at Sullivan, Madison Co., N. Y., in 1817, but in 1825 John, Sr., with his wife Sally, was back in Troy.
- iii. RICHARD, b. in 1780; d. in 1820; m. SARAH ROSE, b. on Long Island, N. Y., about 1788, d. at Albany, N. Y., 9 June 1860, aged 72, daughter of D. and Elizabeth Rose. By his father's will, on account of his mental condition, he was placed under the guardianship of Andrew Hemphill and Amos Knowles. His widow and only son continued to live in Troy for many years.

Child:

1. Edward,<sup>6</sup> b. at Troy 23 Feb. 1818; d. *s. p.* at Troy 6 Apr. 1885, aged 77 years, 1 month, 16 days. He was a carpenter and a successful real-estate operator, and lived with his mother on Fourth Street. The entire property of his grandfather, which he had bought from the other heirs, was burned over in the fire of 10 May 1862, which destroyed half the city. He built again for business purposes, and real-estate transfers by him are numerous. In his will, dated 15 Sept. 1882 and recorded 1 June 1885, he disposed of much property in Troy and in Sayville, Long Island, and made provision for a monument in Oakwood Cemetery, to cost \$3,000.
- iv. MARY BASSETT, b. 10 Mar. 1782; d. at Halfmoon, Saratoga Co., N. Y., 6 Mar. 1842; m. at Troy, 19 Jan. 1806, WILLIAM AUGUSTUS TYLER.

Children (surname Tyler):

1. Mary Bassett, b. 5 Nov. 1807; d. 24 Oct. 1863; m. 26 June 1837 John Cassedy. Five children.
2. Harriet, b. 22 Aug. 1809; d. 22 Feb. 1886.
3. William, d. young.
4. Elizabeth, d. aged 14.
5. Caroline, d. young.
6. Lydia, b. in 1817; d. 30 Oct. 1865, aged 48.
7. Rebecca Knowles, b. in 1819; d. in 1852; m. in 1847 George Wilsey. Two children.





- v. DELIVERANCE, outlived her father, but d. before 1830. She became a member of the Society of Friends.
- vi. REBECCA, b. about 1784-5; d. at Lee, Mass., 14 Mar. 1858, aged 73; m. her cousin, LEMUEL BASSETT, b. at Lee 18 Apr. 1788, d. there 9 Aug. 1856, son of Cornelius and Abigail Bassett.  
Child (surname Bassett):  
1. Harriet R., b. at Lee in Jan. 1830; d. there 15 May 1853, aged 23; m. there, 6 Dec. 1849, William Tully Fish, b. at Salisbury, Conn., about 1825, d. at Lee 10 Nov. 1875, aged 50, son of Henry and Rebecca Fish. He m. (2) Martha Vance Gest, who was known by her stepfather's surname, Cleland. Two children.
- vii. AMOS, b. at Troy, N. Y., 21 Dec. 1796, and bapt. (First Presbyterian Church records) 31 July 1797; d. s.p. after 1855.

31. JOHN<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Amos*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), born in that part of Eastham which is now the town of Orleans, 1 June 1749, died there, probably in the house in which he was born, in 1825. He married at Sandwich, 15 Mar. 1774, THANKFUL HALL of Sandwich, who survived him and was granted administration on his estate, 29 Mar. 1826.

In 1787 he administered the estate of his brother Richard Knowles (11, vii), and was executor of his father's will. After the death of his sister, Mrs. Rebecca (Knowles) Freeman (11, iii), *q.v.*, he received from the administrator of her estate the amount that was to be distributed among her heirs-at-law. He had already acquired his father's house, which by will had been left to her, and the orchard on the westerly side of the road, called "Rebecca Knowles's orchard," in which straggling apple and pear trees are still standing. He also owned at one time more or less land north of that orchard, but the titles of the Widow Keziah Harding's homestead, between the orchard and the Orleans Library, and of the Bascom land, afterwards Esq. John Doane's estate, have not been traced. His inventory showed no real estate, as his homestead of six acres and ten acres in the three-cornered piece all surrounded by roads south of his house were inventoried in 1817 as the estate of his son-in-law, Capt. Seth Smith.

He evidently became impoverished many years before his death; for in 1794 the constable was allowed for John Knowles's taxes, sick, and in 1799 for ten men's taxes, for "death or extreme poverty," among whom was John Knowles. Apparently the Smiths took the brunt of this burden, and were helped by the brothers-in-law. The probate papers relating to the estate of Peregrine Paddock of Dennis, husband of John Knowles's daughter Temperance (31, vii), show that a note was due from Seth Smith's estate, Orleans; and, after the home was sold to pay debts, Capt. Jesse Collins bought it in and held the title until the old people had died.

In the United States Census of 1820 John Knowles was set down as the head of the family, which included his widowed daughter, Joanna Smith, and grandsons, but in 1830 Joanna Smith was set down as the head of the family.





## Children, born at Eastham and Orleans:

- i. JOSHUA,<sup>s</sup> b. 29 Sept. 1775; d. at Orleans in 1797.
- ii. JOANNA, b. 3 Nov. 1777; d. at Orleans 20 Nov. 1842; m. (intention recorded at Orleans, in 1802) CAPT. SETH SMITH, JR., of Eastham, who d. at Orleans in 1815, administration on his estate being granted to his widow in 1817. The inventory mentioned minor children, viz., Sally, Seth, Knowles, and Ebenezer, whose mother was appointed their guardian, 19 Mar. 1817.  
Children (surname *Smith*), b. at Orleans:
  1. Sally B., b. 5 Apr. 1804; d. s.p. after 1830.
  2. Seth, rigger, b. 24 May 1807; d. s.p. at Somerville 14 Feb. 1895; m. his brother Eben's widow, Olive (Mayo) Smith, who d. 20 Jan. 1892.
  3. Knowles, mariner, b. 8 Sept. 1812; d. s.p. at Orleans 6 Oct. 1849; m. at Orleans, in Dec. 1840, Bethia Collins Mayo, who d. 31 May 1849, æt. 33, daughter of Henry and Dorothy (Collins) Mayo. He and his younger brother bought in the title to the original Knowles homestead. In his will he left \$400 to School District No. 10, the income to be expended for winter schools.
  4. Eben, b. 2 Feb. 1815; d. at Eastham 16 Nov. 1849; m. Olive Mayo, who, after his death, m. (2) his oldest brother, Seth Smith (31, ii, 2), *q.v.* The only child, Eben E. Smith, in applying for administration on his uncle's estate, represented himself as the sole heir. This only child of four brothers and sisters was drowned in the Charles River 26 Aug. 1900.
- iii. JOHN, b. 18 Jan. 1780; d. at sea in 1804.
- iv. REBECCA, b. 27 May 1782.
- v. LYDIA, b. 9 Dec. 1785; d. young.
- vi. THANKFUL, b. 10 Mar. 1787; d. at the Orleans poorhouse, where she had lived since 1850, 9 June 1861.
- vii. TEMPERANCE, b. 26 Nov. 1789; m. (1) CAPT. PEREGRINE PADDOCK, b. 28 Feb. 1783, d. at Havana, Cuba, 8 May 1814 (town records; the gravestone at East Dennis gives the year as 1812), aged 29, son of Judah and Bethia Paddock; m. (2) (intention recorded at Brewster, 25 May 1816) JAMES KING, presumably the man of this name who d. at New Bedford 4 Jan. 1857, aged 77.  
Child by first husband (surname *Paddock*):
  1. Peregrine, b. at Dennis 25 Sept. 1810; d. in Boston 14 Mar. 1830; bur. in the Paddock lot at East Dennis.
 Children by second husband (surname *King*):
  2. James, b. at Brewster 18 Mar. 1818; resided with his parents at New Bedford from 1839 to 1849, at least.
  3. Temperance, b. at Brewster 16 June 1820; m. at New Bedford, 28 Sept. 1845, David K. Whelden, son of Gershom Whelden.
  4. David, b. at Brewster 15 Sept. 1823; m. at New Bedford, 29 Mar. 1851, Joanna (——) Sandburg, widow, a native of Sweden.
  5. Mary Caroline, b. at Brewster 15 Oct. 1825.
- viii. ELISHA, b. 25 Nov. 1791; living with his parents in 1810; nothing further known about him except that his sister, Rachel (Knowles) Collins (31, ix), named a son for him. Aside from the possibility that this Elisha Knowles raised a family in parts unknown to his sisters' living grandchildren, his grandfather, Amos<sup>3</sup> Knowles (11), has no descendants of the Knowles name, although he raised four sons and had fifteen Knowles grandsons.
- ix. RACHEL, b. 30 July 1794; m. CAPT. JESSE COLLINS, who d. at Eastham 6 Sept. 1869, son of Joseph and Bethia Collins. After her death he m. (2) at Eastham, 2 June 1848, being then a resident of Springfield, Sarah (Knowles) Atwood (20, vi, 9), *q.v.*, b. at Eastham 6 Dec. 1786, d. there 13 Oct. 1867, daughter of John and





Susannah (Walker) Knowles, widow of Joshua P. Atwood, and third cousin once removed of Rachel (Knowles) Collins.

Children (surname *Collins*), b. at Eastham:

1. *Laura Ann*, b. 26 July 1820; m. (intention recorded at Springfield, 12 Mar. 1844) William J. Johnson. Two children.
  2. *Elisha Knowles*, merchant, b. 22 May 1822; d. at Los Angeles, Calif., 22 Sept. 1908; m. at Foxborough, 4 Jan. 1848, Abigail Cobb Kingman, b. at Pelham 30 July 1825, d. at New Bedford 27 Sept. 1896, daughter of Martin and Phebe Kingman. Four children.
  3. *Julia Maria*, b. 13 Feb. 1824; d. in Boston 22 Oct. 1904; m. (1) at Springfield, 8 Aug. 1844, Eliel Thompson Amadon, b. at Wilbraham 13 May 1817, d. at Caledonia, Ill., 21 Feb. 1862, son of Eliel and Hannah (Tompson) Amadon; m. (2) at Eastham, 23 Apr. 1870, Nicholas Paine Knowles, son of Barnabas Freeman and Lovey (Mayo) Knowles (see 20, vi, 10). She returned to Eastham and kept house for her father after the death of her stepmother, in 1867, until her father's death, in 1869. Six children by first husband.
  4. *Joseph Whitman*, trader, b. 25 June 1825; d. at Beaufort, S. C., in Oct. 1898; m. (1) at Fairhaven, 5 Dec. 1848, Sybil W. Kennison, who d. at Cambridge 21 Oct. 1856, daughter of John L. and Maria C. Kennison; m. (2) in Boston, 20 Sept. 1865, Gertrude G. Hale, who d. at Beaufort 22 Feb. 1878, daughter of Manley A. and Eliza (Rowell) Hale. He removed to Beaufort at the time of the Civil War. Four children (two by each wife).
  5. *Louisa*, b. 6 Mar. 1827; d. before her father, as she was not mentioned, 26 Oct. 1869, among his heirs.
  6. *Charles*, b. 18 Apr. 1829; went to California when a young man and was never directly heard from again.
- x. *LYDIA*, b. 9 Dec. 1797; m. 29 Oct. 1818 KNOWLES HIGGINS, b. 11 Nov. 1794, lost at sea in 1820, son of Asa Higgins.

32. ENSIGN JAMES<sup>4</sup> KNOWLES (*Capt. James*,<sup>3</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Richard*<sup>1</sup>), "eldest son" of Capt. James<sup>3</sup> Knowles, born at Wethersfield, Conn., died, a prisoner of war, at Halifax, N. S., in 1777. He married in that part of Wethersfield which is now the town of Newington, 3 Apr. 1768, PRUDENCE BENTON, who died at Pittsfield, Mass., 17 Aug. 1839. She married secondly, at Newington, 10 or 11 Nov. 1779, as his second wife, Daniel Foote\* of Pittsfield, by whom she had six children, among them James Foote and John Benton Foote. James Knowles and Martha Knowles [his mother] together made two transfers of real estate, 2 and 7 Apr. 1767, and there is a deed on record from James Knowles to Martha Knowles dated 21 Sept. 1768. This last deed shows his brothers, Charles and Samuel Knowles (12, ii and iii), as abutters.

Letters written by James<sup>4</sup> Knowles during the Revolution, in which he lost his life, disclose the kind of stuff that made this country free. One was written in May or June 1775, soon after he had joined the forces that were besieging Boston, another on 16, 17, 18, and 19 June 1775 — before, during, and after the Battle of Bunker Hill, two from the Kennebec River, in Arnold's expedition against Quebec, and one on a privateer

\*The name *Stillman* for Capt. James Knowles's wife, many times repeated, was in the first instance transplanted from the Foote family. Martha Stillman, born in 1730, married Daniel Foote, and was the mother of Prudence (Benton) Knowles's second husband.





about sailing from Nantasket Roads.\* At Bunker Hill the writer of these letters was fifth sergeant in Capt. John Chester's Wethersfield company. He enlisted for six days 10 May 1775, and was discharged 15 Sept. 1775. He was ensign in Capt. Hanchett's company in Arnold's expedition, and was given command of one of the minor sorties in the hopeless attack on Quebec. The letters are given in Addendum I.

By family tradition the letter of 14 May 1777 was the last letter that the young wife received from her husband. Wounded in a sea fight, he was carried prisoner into Halifax, where he died. The little orphan, John, apparently was educated by his father's first cousin, Rev. Isaac<sup>4</sup> Knowles, A.M. (30).

Children, born at Wethersfield (Newington):

- i. **MERCY**<sup>5</sup> (presumably an infant daughter of Ensign James Knowles), d. at Newington 1 Oct. 1769.
- ii. **HON. JOHN**, bapt. at Newington 6 Apr. 1777; d. at Chittenango, Madison Co., N. Y.; m. **SALLY PENoyer**. He was in business at Troy, N. Y., as a coasting trader. About 1802, according to the "History of Madison County," Judge John Knowles settled at Bridgeport in that county, where he had bought a tract of pine timber. Later he bought a mill privilege at Chittenango, where he established a woolen mill. He was associate judge of the County Court and a member of the Constitutional Convention that framed the constitution of New York. He also filled numerous other offices. An oil portrait of Judge John Knowles was in the possession of the late Marcus Peck of Fayetteville, N. Y.

Children:

1. **James**,<sup>6</sup> farmer, b. at Troy 5 Oct. 1793; d. at Chittenango 12 July 1871; m. (1) 13 Nov. 1814 Mary Dygert, who d. 8 Apr. 1815; m. (2) at Manlius, Onondaga Co., N. Y., in 1817, Elizabeth Dygert, who d. 8 Apr. 1877. His farm was about three miles south from Chittenango. Ten children by second wife.
2. **John**, b. 30 Nov. 1794; d. 8 Jan. 1869; m. (1) 7 May 1815 Muri Cunningham of Fayetteville, N. Y., who d. 31 Oct. 1815; m. (2) Abigail Hatch. Children b. at Chittenango were living recently near Beaver, Winona Co., Minn.
3. **Sally**, b. 23 Sept. 1796; d. 24 Dec. 1834; m. James Peck.
4. **David**, b. 17 Apr. 1798; d. 16 Aug. 1800.
5. **Prudence**, b. 19 Nov. 1800; d. 21 May 1863.
6. **Martha**, b. 3 Feb. 1802.
7. **Julia**, b. 7 Mar. 1804; d. in Feb. 1813.
8. **Charles**, b. 9 May 1806; d. 11 Sept. 1832.
9. **Nathaniel**, b. 28 Aug. 1807; d. 6 July 1836.
10. **Lucy**, b. 8 Sept. 1809; d. s.p. at Waterloo, N. Y., in Sept. 1893; m. Gilbert Schruyver.
11. **Isaac**, b. 28 Mar. 1811; d. early in life, leaving a widow and at least one son, Edward.
12. **Porter**, b. 22 Nov. 1812; d. 28 Apr. 1836.
13. **Mary Ann**, b. 15 Jan. 1815; d. at Towanda, Pa., 27 May 1868; m. Charles Mannville. One child, who d. in infancy.
- iii. **PRUDENCE**, bapt. at Newington 6 Apr. 1777; d. at Tremont, Ill., 21 Feb. 1854; m. at Pittsfield, Mass., 23 Jan. 1799 (intention

\*These letters were loaned for use in this article by Mrs. Mary V. (Peckham) Wise of Perry, N. Y., a granddaughter of James<sup>6</sup> Knowles (32, ii, 1). With the letters have come down to Mrs. Wise probate papers relating to the estate of Capt. James<sup>1</sup> Knowles (12) and a glass decanter, which is said to have been a gift to one of the forefathers by the master of a ship that brought tea to Boston.





recorded at Dalton, Mass., 5 Jan. 1799), NATHANIEL KELLOGG, JR., b. at Colchester, Conn., 19 Sept. 1774, d. at Pittsfield, Mass., 21 Aug. 1822, son of Nathaniel and Hannah Barnard (Hastings) Kellogg.

Children (surname Kellogg):

1. *James Knowles*, b. 17 Jan. 1800; d. at Tremont, Ill., 8 June 1888; m. (1) 9 Oct. 1834 Mary Potter Fisk of Cheshire, Mass., who d. at Pleasant Grove, Ill., 16 July 1835; m. (2) at Schenectady, N. Y., 28 Oct. 1836, Achsah Bates Fisk, b. 13 Jan. 1815, sister of his first wife. Two children by first wife.
2. *Rev. Nathaniel*, b. 1 July 1801; d. at Pittsfield, Mass., 26 July 1885; m. (1) 24 Mar. 1831 Jeannette Eliza Thompson, b. at Westville, Conn., 6 Aug. 1803, d. at Minneapolis, Minn., 18 May 1865, daughter of Charles and Anna (Gilbert) Thompson; m. (2) 28 Dec. 1873 Martha A. Foote, b. at Dalton, Mass., 25 Sept. 1825, daughter of James and Roxanna (Dewey) Foote. She m. (2) at Pittsfield, 15 June 1896, George Wells, son of Ira and Hannah Wells. Four sons by first wife.
3. *John*, of McLean, Ill., b. 19 Apr. 1803; d. 1 June 1889; m. 15 Oct. 1828 Sarah Hubbard, b. in 1805, d. 23 Feb. 1891. Two sons.
4. *Elizabeth Sackett*, b. 17 Oct. 1806; d. 9 Aug. 1884; m. 3 Apr. 1839 Dr. Alanson Stockwell, b. at Rochester, Vt., 23 Dec. 1804, d. 8 Dec. 1879, son of Jeremiah and Chloe (Chandler) Stockwell. Residence, El Paso, Ill. Four children.
5. *Emily Benton*, b. 21 Apr. 1812; d. at Bloomington, Ill., 30 Jan. 1894; m. at Washington, Ill., 8 Aug. 1839, David Kern, son of Jacob and Christianne (Whitmer) Kern. Successive residences, Washington, Pekin, Atlanta, and Bloomington, Ill. Three daughters.
6. *Francis Asbury*, b. 26 June 1816; d. unm. at Washington, Ill., 2 June 1838.

## ADDENDUM I

### LETTERS OF JAMES KNOWLES (32), A SOLDIER AND SAILOR OF THE REVOLUTION

[LAST PART OF A LETTER WRITTEN NEAR BOSTON, 1775\*]

Gather<sup>d</sup> about us, I have borne the March much better than I Expected, and am In Good health as I Hope these will find you and our Dear Children with all the family Bro<sup>r</sup> Charles was Well Yesterday, (I heard) I have much busness on my Hands and in Great Hurry, Give my Duty Mother & Father with Love to Brothers and Sisters and Compliments to all friends —

I will write again as soon as I can; I cant write you any News, but we are Preparing for a General Attack on Boston as It is not Expected the Kings Troops will Venture another Brush, Night before Last our Men Kill<sup>d</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> 10 or 12 men at Roxbury Guards and Took Some more, Adiu I Remain Your Loving

Husband James Knowles

to all Friends

[Worn ? Yest]erday there was a Skirmish on Deer Island where our People Drove [t]he Regulars Kill<sup>d</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> 15 and took 12 Prisoners

[Endorsed]

Direct to me in Chesters Division of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Connecticut Forces

\*The first part of this letter is missing.





[LETTER WRITTEN AT CAMBRIDGE, 16, 17, 18, AND 19 JUNE 1775]

Camp at Cambridge June 16<sup>th</sup> 1775

[D]ear Wife, I am in Good health and high Spirits and hope these Lines will find you and our Dear Little Ones, I<sup>ve</sup> not heard from you but by the bye since I Left you. I just now Rec<sup>d</sup> a Letter from Jacob Sebea, but hant Time to answer it, I ve this moment Rec<sup>d</sup> Orders to Draught out 30 Men from our Company to parade at 6 oClock Equipt with one Days provision on the Grand parade, then to wait for further Orders, We ve been in a Good Deal of a Hubbub these 2 Days past, Yesterday Morning we were Under Arms waiting for Order to move forward Expecting to meet the Kings Troops who It was Said at Daylight were in motion on Beacon hill as If intending to Embark over Charlestown River, however It [worn] alarm, But I Suppose to Night Something offensive will be Done, Bro<sup>r</sup> Charles who is at Roxbury just now sent me word he was well —

17<sup>th</sup> Freinds all, Last Night 400 Men were Detach<sup>d</sup> from our forces in this Camp in Orders With ab<sup>t</sup> 1200 of the province Troops under the Command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Warren & Putnam at 8 oClock from our Grand Parade to March with 4 pieces of Artillery to begin an Intrenchment at Leachm<sup>ts</sup> [worn] point and on an emin[worn] to Comm[worn] the Encampments on [C]lops Hill and Beacon Hill, At Sunrising 3 Distinct Guns Alarm<sup>d</sup> the Camp, and Since we have Heard a Constant Firing of Cannon from the Enemys Batterys to this moment, I<sup>ve</sup> Just come Down from the Top of the House of Gen<sup>l</sup> Head Quarters from Whence I can See the Smoke of every Gun thats fir<sup>d</sup> from e<sup>m</sup> before I hear the Report 12 o'clock.

18<sup>th</sup> Yesterday at 2 came the alarm the who[le] army Mov<sup>d</sup> towards Bunkers hill where a small Intrenchment 2 field pieces & ab[worn] men, Our Comp<sup>a</sup> came up to the Intrench[worn] before the Retreat, Such Firing of Cannon [worn] Small arms Never was before in America [worn] our Army [blotted] the fire of their Shipin[worn] & Plattoons, the plattoons Stand ab<sup>t</sup> 8 Ro[worn] and Gave us an Incessant fire for ab<sup>t</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour after Company Joyn<sup>d</sup> the Trench Was abandon<sup>d</sup> and a Retreat Ensud<sup>d</sup> under a Dismal [blotted]t fire of Cannon and Small arms Charlestown was on fire befor we got up the hill and was burning at 11 oClock Last night when I went to Sleep. our men are now I hope Secure from the fire of the Ships In intrenchments ab<sup>t</sup> 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile out of Cambridge we have Several men in this Comp<sup>a</sup> Slight wounded, Gershom Smith I fear fell In the Trench as we Dont here of him Thanks be to Almighty God for his Remarkable preservation of so many of us, ma[y] his Goodness protect is through this Dan[worn] all our Days, My Dear Wife & Sweet Little Caildren, May God almitly Prese[worn] you and all our friends, This will be a bla[worn] Day, who are assign<sup>d</sup> as Victims, God on[ly] Knows, I<sup>m</sup> in Good Spirits tho Something Fatigu<sup>d</sup>, We were not well Serv<sup>d</sup> with Can[non] yesterday, Two 6 pounder against all th[worn] had a Shot Struck my Cartr[worn] in Retreat the Last of its fore[worn]renoon. Now, [blotted]tigueging untill 2 pm then the a[worn]-nded, paraded and March<sup>d</sup> for the Intr[worn] beforementioned; At 3 Orders to R[worn] a fine Shower of Rain, the 2<sup>rd</sup> Shower only Since we left Weath<sup>d</sup>. I think yesterday was a Glorious Day to No<sup>r</sup> America. Never [worn]d Bunkirs Hill, there they had an [worn]neing proof of Yankey Bravery, where Chesters Comp<sup>a</sup> March<sup>d</sup> to their platoons in Regular Order, Gave them a trew fire and Stopt their Right wing who were wheeling to the Left to Force into our Trench Had the province Troopes Supported our Connecti<sup>tt</sup> Troops we Should have Made a Longer Stand, we are now I hope in a Good Trench, (thats our army is) with a Good Train of artillery which we wanted Yesterday We are Reinforc<sup>d</sup> by Multitudes which we Dont want, any more will be a Disadvantage to us, Friends Yesterday was a Good Day to us, I never tho<sup>t</sup> we could [worn]illy Support Bunker[s] hill, its [worn] above





3 Cables Length from their Battery on Corps Hill, they<sup>u</sup> Never com[e] over Charlestown Neck, Some Stones flew against me Drove by their Cannon I<sup>u</sup> tell you more Next Letter, if I Live to Send another. I now Joyning Comp<sup>a</sup> to March I go out in the Strength and under the [worn]ly Secure Defence in his [worn and illegible] Secure in Gods Promis[s]es it may be my Last Ven[worn]

[Worn]er 5 oClock 19<sup>th</sup> I have Now the Opp[worn] write a few more Lines. yesterday we [worn] Intrenchments Expecting the Enemy to come but they Didnot So we were Orderd back. I had [th]e plasure this Morning to see 2 Ships Move out of the way of our Battery which has play<sup>d</sup> on [worn] Since Day with 24 pounders. I am very mu[ch] afraid we have Lost 4 of our Company, viz Gershom Smith, Wilson Rowlinson, Roger Fox of Gasenbury and Lawrence Sullivan an Irishman who Liv<sup>d</sup> with Mr Titus Buck our Wounded are Daniel Deming one finger Split, Sam<sup>l</sup> Delling of Glasenbury in the Brest and arm, and Epaphras Stephens in the arm, None of em badly. My Friends I have not time to write a Regular Letter but only give you this Account as It has occur<sup>d</sup> and wrote, I send you word as Soon as I have an oppertunity that you may Know I am well and would have you all Rest Easy and Not Murmer If it Should be God's will [illegible] an End [worn] my [l]ife Either in battle or any [worn] Else as it may please him. to him I Desire [worn] ascribe thanks and praise for goodNess in Preserving me through many Dangers, Especially the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant in the Field of Battle where many of our Countrymen around me fell. I was Knock<sup>d</sup> Down and allmost Bury<sup>d</sup> by Durt which a Cannon Ball Drove against me, (See the Wrapper)

[TWO FRAGMENTS, PERHAPS PARTS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED WRAPPER]

give you an Idea of our present Situation as to Defence. I have Now at 9 oClock an oppertunity to Enter a few more Minutes of the proceedings of Morning past, as we are Now Return<sup>d</sup> to our [torn] there is a Ship and a float that Lays of Leachme[torn] Brisk Cannon Aiding on [torn]tty Quiet ab<sup>t</sup> 15 Shot untill She came within Reach of our Battery Down by the Marsh which Soon Silence<sup>d</sup> her we Ju[torn] 2 of our Shot Struck her, which oblig<sup>d</sup> her to pull [torn] in to her Shelter as Soon as possibl[torn] Bunkers hill Keep Fi[torn]

[LETTER WRITTEN ON THE KENNEBEC RIVER, 1775]

[Torn] Board the Schooner Broad Bay in Knebeck [torn]secontee,\* 5 Miles Below Fort Weston, Sep[torn] Children, Mother, Sister and all my Frien[ds.] [torn]nes are to Inform you I am Still in P[illegible and torn]ese may find you and our Dear Childre[torn]ave me. Our Brigade Embark<sup>d</sup> at [torn] board the Severl Transported, and Sail[torn] Kenebeck River after a passage of Ju[torn]t Safe, We are Now Got up to che Ba[illegible and torn]<sup>th</sup> Provision and Stores of Baggage up[torn] to Embark on board said Battaux to pr[torn]an I wrote to you by Mr Jacob B[torn]<sup>th</sup> and Sent you Inclos<sup>d</sup> 40/ he promis[torn]wn hand. Also I saw Mr John Thon[torn]g time to write to you I Deliver<sup>d</sup> hi[torn] would Send to you by his wife who [torn]-oing Directly to Hartford and would [torn] his way we are Encouraged by Such a [torn] of Provisions and Necessar[torn] a[nd] also of Inteligence by Land from Quebeck as Rather puts us [torn]isorder and Confusion of Hurry to acquire the End of Our Important Enterprize, My Dear I would have you Look after the Above mention<sup>d</sup> and Supply your wants as to Provisions and Fuel for Winter as you may think best in your Curcumstances, I should be Glad to be with you and Lay in Stores for you to Save

\*Probably the name was Cobbisecontee.





you the Trouble, and to Settle you in Winter Quarters, but as I cannot I hope you will with fortitude Go through the Care and Fatigue of the present Times as a Duty which We all Owe to our Creator and Posterity as well as Mankind in General And as I Dont Expect to have an opportunity to write A[torn] shall Now Bequeath my Best wishes to you and [torn] hoping and Praying It may be Gods will to bring [torn] this World, but if Other Determin<sup>d</sup> may we all m[torn] where is No wars Nor Tumults, but Sublime Ser[torn]ment of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Into w[torn] Self my Dearest Natural Connections, and to hi[torn] this my present Enterprize, So Again wis[torn] of Heavens Blessings I Remain Your Ever Affe[torn]

Husband, James [torn]

N B Kiss the Children a thousand times for me, I cant t[torn] moment at a time, Keep John at School — God [torn]

Dear Sister Patty, Accept my Sincerest Regards as a [torn]omfortable Enjoy [illegible and torn] you have [illegible and torn]r, and Complim[torn]

[Addressed]

Mr To  
James Knowles  
att  
Wethersfield  
In Connecticut  
New England

[LETTER WRITTEN ON DEAD RIVER, 24 OCT. 1775\*]

[D]ear Wife

[Th]ese May inform you I am in Good Health & [hi]gh Spirits as are our men, Remarkably so of [our] whole Brigade. I hope these Lines will come [s]oon and find you and our Children well and [al]l friends about you We have had a Tedious [ma]rch Through Dismall Woods and Mad Rapid [str]eams, have pasi<sup>d</sup> 8 long Carrying places, Some of [wh]ich are amazing [worn] are now at a Carrying [plac]e 30 Miles Below (Soidar pond) so Call<sup>d</sup>. Last [nig]ht a Council was hel<sup>d</sup> and a Cap<sup>t</sup> with 50 [me]n are to Sett off by Land for Sertugan we are [worn] Setting off with the Battoes the water [is] Rapid so that 2 Oars cannot Row up Stream [Our] Army in Gen<sup>l</sup> have 12 Days provision[s] [Wev<sup>e</sup>] Lost Not one [m]an of this army yet [worn] Catling is well and Nat<sup>l</sup> Colman are both [with] me. I am in hast have only [a mo]ments time to write; Accept my Best [wis]hes with Love to the Children and friends [I rel]fer you for particulars to the bearer John [worn] by whom I Send this Adieu

[Date]d at New Found Land on Dead River October 24<sup>th</sup> 1775

[Addressed]

Mr To  
James Knowles  
att  
Weathersfield

[LETTER WRITTEN IN NANTASKET ROADS, 14 MAY 1777†]

Boston Frigate in Boston Port at Nantasket Road, 14th-May, 1777.

Loving Wife:

These with my sincere regards to you, hoping they may find you and

\*The left-hand edge of this letter has been worn or torn away, but most of the missing letters have been conjecturally supplied in brackets by the contributor of this article.

†The original manuscript of this letter has not been seen by the contributor of this article; and the person who copied the letter evidently did not follow the capitalization and punctuation of the original.





the children as they leave me, in good health, are to inform you (once more) that we are ready to sail the first fair wind with a fleet consisting of about twenty sail of Privateers, which are engaged on the Continental Account for 25 days (only) after sailing from this Port, which makes one think we shall make but a short cruise, and by the reason of this unnatural war we are obliged to separate from each other and are subject to suffer by many dangers to which we may be exposed in war, the fate of which is so very uncertain, I have thought proper to send you a power to act in my stead in case I should be taken or absent a long time, and anything is due to me from the Ship — I have empowered Amos Knowles of Eastham to collect it of the Ship's agents who are appointed by the Ship's officers and crew, — viz, William Mackey and Jonas Clark Minott, merchants in Boston. I have left all my affairs in Knowles' hands with such instructions as I have thought proper, which, if I don't return, I desire you call upon him for. Don't think because I have this caution that I intend to be killed or scared to death, — No, I hope to return to you in health and find all my friends now in a few months, and enjoy peace and happiness in this land of freedom, in spite of tyranny or envy. I desire you will get yourself and both my children inoculated for the smallpox as soon as you possibly can, as I am fully persuaded it will go through the country. Make yourselves as comfortable as you can and keep up a resolute heart, and it will be nothing. Don't be overanxious about me. I desire you not to be. I think myself in a good way to be provided for in the Navy, as I have been treated extremely well by Capt. McNiell and the Superior officers of this ship, and expect the benefits of his influence, which is of great weight in Congress in regard to our Navy affairs.

I now act on board as a Lieut. but am entitled to no more than a Midshipman's wages and perquisites. If we are successful and take any prizes I shall be sent in some one, which I hope will soon happen, when as soon as possible after I arrive I purpose to return to Weathersfield.

I sent a packett of letters which I wrote one after another and for want of opportunity omitted sending until last week. I left them at the Post Office directed to Lieut. Ebenezer Wright which I hope came safe to hand. Desire you to note the contents.

A schooner is arrived in this Port from Guadaloupe, which place she left thirty days ago. The master told me when I went on board her that four days before he sailed from Guadaloupe, a French fleet consisting of 10 sail of the line and 8 Frigate with number of transports arrived at Martinico with 6000 men and were to sail from hence in a few days, but for what place was not known. This afternoon orders came on board our ship to give the signal for the fleet to unmoor at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning when I expect we shall sail. Our destination being a secret occasions various conjectures. Whether we are not to join the above mentioned fleet and to make a descent upon Halifax and Newfoundland, is only my own which may perhaps carry some probability. The Torys in this place, numerous as they are, seem to be in trouble. I hear there is one fellow to be shot up at the town. I think it's high time to begin or they'll sell us. I don't expect to have opportunity to write you again before I sail, therefore must conclude this epistle with wishing you and the children health and comfort. Praying that we may be enabled to go through whatever God in his Providence may call us to, with that fortitude which becomes followers of the Lamb and Soldiers of Jesus Christ on whose merits I depend, trusting in His mercy to bring us together again which God in mercy grant, until which time, I remain your, your

Sincere, loving Husband,

James Knowles.





P. S. I would have you keep my son to school. I hope he loves it. You must encourage him with such baubles as will make him ambitious. The little girl I leave altogether to your own direction. I long to see them when I think of them. Tell John I intend to come home by and by and bring him some fine clothes if he is a good boy and learns to read and write well — Remember dutiful regards to Mother. Due regards to Father and Mother Benton. Love to brothers and sisters and compliments to all inquiring friends. Remember me with my best wishes to the children and kiss 'em often as you please in remembrance of your and their Friend until Death —

I hear Mrs. Webb is married. Tell her I wish her a good time over the Bridge. It is 12 o'clock at night, and I've been writing this four hours. Am sleepy, so I'll e'n bid you goodnight. J. K.

N. B. Take care of my papers in the trunk. Don't let them get mislaid or lost until I return. I shall write to you the first opportunity after I am in any Port. You may advise with Mr. Jo Webb about my business, if you don't hear from me in a reasonable time, as perhaps I may be taken in some prize and the ship come safe in. You need not write to Knowles in some considerable time. He will know whether anything has happened to me soon as anyone, and will write you.

## ADDENDUM II

### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

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Pages 288-289, footnote. The brief treatment of the Bower or Bowers family in this footnote has attracted additions, partly in the nature of corrections, from several contributors. The parish registers of Braithwell, co. York, Eng., contain the record of the marriage, 9 Feb. 1614/15, of George Bower and Barbara Smyth; and the marriage licence, as given in "Paver's Marriage Licenses," under the year 1614 (*Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*, vol. 13, p. 379), reads: "George Bower, of Manby, [dioc. Lincoln], and Barbara Smith, of Braythwell — at Braythwell." This couple were undoubtedly identical with the George and Barbara Bower who were later of the Plymouth Colony in New England. There would be great satisfaction in finding the baptismal records of the Bower children in England, but a search for them in the Braithwell registers and also in the diocesan transcripts of the registers of Manby has been fruitless. Mr. Donald Lines Jacobus of New Haven, Conn., a descendant of Ruth<sup>3</sup> Bowers (Rev. John,<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>), has found proof that this Ruth was a daughter of Rev. John Bowers by a first wife, Rebecca Gregson, daughter of Mr. Thomas and Jane Gregson, and that the children of Rev. John and Bridget (Thompson) Bowers were: Mary, Samuel, John, Nathaniel, Anna, and Barbara — no James. Benanuel Bowers, persecuted as a Quaker, according to interesting letters written by his granddaughter, sent his four eldest daughters to Philadelphia for their education, and one of them became the authoress, Bathsheba Bowers. Patience Bower married Humphrey Bradshaw of Cambridge and had children, Sarah, b. 3 May 1653, John, b. 24 June 1655, and Ruth, b. 3 Nov. 1657. Silence Bower married (1) 14 Dec. 1656 Elnathan Duncly or Duntlin of Dedham and had children, Ruth, b. 11 Mar. 1661/2, David, b. 2 Apr. 1666, and Hannah. Silence apparently married (2) at Medfield, 25 May 1675, as his third wife, Nicholas Rockett or Rockwood and had a child, Isaac, b. 22 July 1677, d. 11 Oct. 1677. The mother died 9 Nov. 1677. Capt. Jerathmeel Bower, according to his gravestone at Groton, as printed, died 23 Apr. 1724, in his 78th year; and his wife, Elizabeth (Worthington), according to her gravestone at Chelmsford, died 4 Mar. 1721, in her 76th year.

Page 289, lines 28-32. For the sentence beginning His son James and the two sentences next following read His son James was born at Cambridge 17 Nov. 1648.





Page 290, footnote. An Eastham deed recently added to the collection of Mr. Stanley Webster Smith gives a tempting clue to the location of the civic centre of Eastham in the year 1678. It is a division deed, signed by three sons of Nathaniel Mayo, and contains a provision that his son Nathaniel "is to have the house lott *att the towne* that was his father's."

Page 292, line 30 (No. 1, ii, 4). *Omit* and Hannah. *Mr. Edward Leodore Smith regards it as doubtful who Patience Mulford's mother was.*

Page 292, line 42 (No. 1, iii). *For Boston read Cambridge. Omit (vide supra, p. 289).*

Page 296, lines 43-54, and page 297, lines 1-14 (No. 3, ii). For the descendants of Thomas and Mercy (Knowles) Rich, many of whom lived at Chatham, Conn., see an article by Edwin A. Hill, entitled "The Rich Family of Eastern Connecticut," in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, vol. 51, pp. 222-232. In the will of Thomas Rich, dated 23 Sept. 1743 and proved in Barnstable Co., Mass., 6 Nov. 1753, three children are named whose births are not recorded at Eastham, viz., Cornelius, Rebecca, and Ruth.

Page 380, line 41 (No. 5). *For the worthy Joshua Sparrow read his uncle, Joshua Bangs.*

Page 381, line 30 (No. 6). Two Eastham deeds recently added to the collection of Mr. Stanley Webster Smith, dated 3 June 1712 and 19 June 1714, respectively, and running to Samuel<sup>3</sup> Knowles (No. 6), call him a "blacksmith."

Page 383, footnote. Mr. Edward Leodore Smith contributes additional information about Beriah Smith, namely, that he was born 2 Mar. 1679/80, son of John Smith, carpenter, and that his second wife, whom he married 19 Apr. 1711, was Alice Wormwood.

Page 392, line 4 (No. 12, ii). *Add to this line the following statement:* In the final division Capt. Charles Knowles's interests in the Ohio Company were represented by E. Downer's agency (one share) and by Sargent's agency (two shares). (*History of Washington County, Ohio*, p. 93.)

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## THE ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF GOV. THOMAS WELLES OF CONNECTICUT

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FOR some years the contributor of this article has been collecting data relating to Gov. Thomas Welles, with a view to publishing a detailed history of his life and of early Connecticut. In 1919 he employed Mr. J. R. Hutchinson, the London genealogist, who searched through Welles wills in seventeen English counties and found the name mentioned many times, but was unable to identify any Thomas Welles in England with the Connecticut Governor of that name. Mr. Hutchinson, however, furnished a memorandum of a five-party deed relating to real property in the parish of Burmington, co. Warwick, which, he stated, was from the original deed preserved among the Sheldon Charters in the British Museum. He called attention to its importance, and searched the transcript of the Burmington parish registers in the Bishop's Registry at Worcester (the original Burmington registers being in very bad





condition), as well as the churchwardens' books, indentures, etc., contained in the parish chest, without finding anything bearing on Gov. Thomas Welles.\* Recently, however, Col. Charles E. Banks, to whom the writer sent a memorandum of this deed, found some pleadings and depositions in a Chancery suit brought in England in 1648 relating to the property covered by this deed, which give the names of Gov. Thomas Welles's father, grandfather, wife, and wife's father. In addition to these documents, Colonel Banks found the fine and concord relating to the Burmington property and also, in the Birmingham Public Library, one original of the five-party deed. Abstracts of these documents and of other English records relating to this Welles family are given below,† and are followed by a pedigree which shows the line of descent from the grandfather of Governor Welles to the Governor's grandchildren.

Until the discoveries described above were made, for which credit is due Colonel Banks, nothing whatever was known of Gov. Thomas Welles previously to his appearance as a member of the Court held at Hartford, 28 Mar. 1637. The old black-letter Welles family Bible containing manuscript records, with many ancient papers, was burned when the house of the writer's grandfather was destroyed by fire at Newington, Conn., in 1855. There are many autographs of Gov. Thomas Welles, and he wrote his surname many times when he was secretary of the Colony, always spelling Welles with a second *e*. In documents written by others the name is generally spelled *Wells*, and the writer uses this spelling when quoting from these documents.

#### A FIVE-PARTY DEED, 1638†

"THIS INDENTURE Quintip[ar]tite," made 10 May, 14 Charles I [1638], between "Thomas Wells of Hartford by the river of Connectocott in New England gent," the Honorable James Fiennes, son and heir apparent of the Right Honorable the Lord Viscount Say and Seale, and William Sprigg of Banbury, co. Oxford, gent., of the first part, George Neale of Weston, co. Warwick, yeoman, of the second part, Nicholas Hunt of Burmington, co. Warwick, yeoman, of the third part, Giles Toms of Burmington aforesaid, yeoman, of the fourth part, and Thomas Neale of Oxshill, co. Warwick, yeoman, and Richard Workman of Stourton, co. Warwick, yeoman, of the fifth part, recites that, *whereas* the said Thomas Wells, by his indenture dated 20 August, 11 Charles I [1635], did grant unto the above-named James Fiennes and William Sprigg and their heirs for ever all that one messuage and tenement in Burmington, with the yard, orchard, garden, and one tithe close thereunto belonging and adjoining, late in the occupation of the said Nicholas Hunt, his assign or assigns, and two yardlands and a half in Burmington to the said messuage and tenement belonging, late in

\*Burmington is in the southern part of Warwickshire, on the River Stour, two miles southeast from Shipston-on-Stour. The Bishop's transcript of the parish registers contains no Welles entries between 1612 and 1639, except a marriage in 1638. There is no transcript for the years 1614, 1617, 1618, 1623, 1629, and 1634. A copy of the Burmington registers made in 1895 shows no entries for the years 1602-1615, but contains no statement that the registers were illegible for those years. Entries are complete for the years 1616-1622, but there are no entries for 1623.

†In these abstracts unnecessary legal verbiage has been omitted, and no attempt has been made to reproduce the peculiarities of spelling of the originals, except in a few passages, which have been enclosed in quotation marks, and in names of persons, which have been spelled as the records give them. The punctuation is that of the contributor.

‡Preserved in the Birmingham Public Library





the occupation of Nicholas Beale and the said Giles Toms, and one cottage, with the close or backside and orchard thereunto adjoining and belonging, now or late in the tenure or occupation of one Richard Nason, his assign or assigns, and also one close in Burmington, called Broad Close, late in the occupation of one Robert Heminge, his assign or assigns, with all the buildings, yards, orchards, gardens, closes, lands, meadows, pastures, commons, etc., to the said premises belonging, and by the said recited indenture did covenant to make such further assurance of the said premises to James Fiennes and William Sprigg and their heirs as by them or their counsel learned in the laws of this realm should be reasonably devised or advised and required, *and whereas*, in pursuance of the said indenture, afterwards, in Hilary Term, 12 Charles [11-31 January 1636/7], one fine was in due form of law acknowledged, levied, and executed by the said Thomas Wells and Alice, his wife, to James Fiennes and William Sprigg and their heirs, of all the said premises in Birmingham, *and whereas* James Fiennes and William Sprigg, in consideration of £685 by the above-named George Neale, Nicholas Hunt, and Giles Toms, viz., £545 by George Neale, £110 by Giles Toms, and £30 by Nicholas Hunt, to James Fiennes and William Sprigg in hand paid, the receipt whereof James Fiennes and William Sprigg do hereby acknowledge, by these presents have granted the said premises, with their appurtenances, to George Neale, Giles Toms, and Nicholas Hunt, severally and respectively, and to their several and respective heirs and assigns, according to such proportions as is herein hereafter expressed, *now this indenture witnesseth* that for the better conveying of the said premises to George Neale, Giles Toms, and Nicholas Hunt, severally and respectively, and to their several and respective heirs, James Fiennes and William Sprigg do for themselves and their heirs covenant with George Neale, Giles Toms, and Nicholas Hunt, their heirs and assigns, that they, James Fiennes and William Sprigg, will suffer the said Richard Warckman, Thomas Neale, and Nicholas Hunt, at any time before the Feast of Easter next [Easter 1639], to bring one or more writ or writs of entry for disseisin before His Majesty's Justices of His Court of Common Pleas at Westminster against James Fiennes and William Sprigg, by such name or names as shall be thought meet, to which writ or writs James Fiennes and William Sprigg shall appear gratis in their own persons and vouch over to warranty the said Thomas Wells, who shall also appear gratis in his own person or by his sufficient attorney or attorneys and shall enter into the warranty and vouch over the common vouchee, to the intent that a perfect recovery may be thereupon had and suffered of the said premises, according to the nature and course of common recoveries, against James Fiennes and William Sprigg to Richard Warckman, Thomas Neale, and Nicholas Hunt; and it is covenanted between all the parties to these presents, for them, their heirs, and assigns, that Richard Warckman, Thomas Neale, and Nicholas Hunt, the recoverees therein named, and their heirs shall be seised of all the premises therein contained to the uses and purposes herein hereafter expressed, that is to say, the said messuage and tenement, garden and close adjoining, and close called Broad Close, and so much of the arable land and pasture and meadow ground esteemed to be two yardlands to the use of George Neale and of his heirs and assigns for ever, and so much of the said arable land and pasture ground and meadow ground esteemed to be one-half yardland to the use of Giles Toms and of his heirs and assigns for ever, and the said cottage, orchard, and backside, with the appurtenances, in the tenure or occupation of Richard Nason, to the use of Nicholas Hunt and of his heirs and assigns for ever.

[The indenture contains various other covenants by Fiennes and Sprigg (who were the only parties who signed the copy in the Birmingham Public Library),





the purpose of which was to guarantee to Neale, Tomes, and Hunt the peaceable possession of the premises described. With the deed are lengthy terriers or schedules giving detailed descriptions of the premises granted to Neale and Tomes.

The importance of this deed consists in its identification of Gov. Thomas Welles of Connecticut as the owner and grantor of the Burmington property, in distinction from his contemporary in New England, Thomas Wells of Ipswich, Mass. It also discloses the Christian name of Governor Welles's wife.]

#### FROM FEET OF FINES\*

Final Concord made in the King's Court at Westminster, on the Octave of St. Hilary, 12 Charles I [20 January 1636/7], between James Fiennes, Esq., and William Sprigge, Gent., querents, and Thomas Wells and Alice, his wife, deforciant, concerning one messuage, one garden, one orchard, fifty acres of arable land, four acres of meadow, thirty acres of pasture, six acres of heath and firzes, and common pasture, with appurtenances, in Birmingham. Plea of covenant. James [*sic*] and Alice have acknowledged the aforesaid tenements and common pasture, with appurtenances, to be the right of James, as those which James and William have of the gift of Thomas and Alice, and they have remised and quitclaimed them from Thomas and Alice and their heirs to James and William and the heirs of James for ever. And, moreover, Thomas and Alice have granted for themselves and the heirs of Thomas that they will warrant to James and William and the heirs of James the aforesaid tenements and common pasture, with appurtenances, against Thomas and Alice and the heirs of Thomas for ever. And for this James and William have given to Thomas and Alice £100.† (Feet of Fines, Warwickshire, Trinity Term, 12 Charles I.)

[This final concord covered the property at Burmington, co. Warwick, described in the five-party deed.]

Commission [in Latin], dated 5 April, 12 Charles [1636], from the King's Court at Westminster, and directed to John Harvey, Knight, Thomas Haines, Esq., John Wentthrop, Esq., Thomas Dudley, Esq., and Thomas Makepeace, Gentleman, empowering them or any two of them to take the acknowledgment of Thomas Wells and Alice, his wife, to a final concord between James Fiennes, Esq., and William Sprigge, Gentleman, and Thomas Wells and Alice, his wife, concerning one messuage, one garden, one orchard, fifty acres of arable land, four acres of meadow, thirty acres of pasture, six acres of heath and firzes, and common pasture, with appurtenances, in Birmingham, co. Warwick, and to return it to the Justices of the King's Court.

Acknowledgment [in Latin] of Thomas Welles and Alice Welles to a final concord concerning premises in Birmingham, co. Warwick [as described in the commission given above], taken in Boston in New England, before Jo: Winthrop and Tho: Dudley, 9 June, 12 Charles, A.D. 1636. [Signed] "Tho: Welles Als Welles her marke."

[The signature of Thomas Welles to this acknowledgment is the well-known autograph of the Connecticut Governor, such as he often used later in Connecticut, and is additional proof that he owned and granted the Burmington property. He also wrote the words "Als Welles her marke." This acknowledgment proves that he and his wife were in Boston, Mass., on 9 June 1636, more than nine months before the record of his first appearance in Connecticut, 28 Mar. 1637. This may indicate that the "Tho. Wells" who is recorded in the Cambridge (Mass.) town records, under date of 8 Feb. 1635 [i.e., 1635/6], as having a house in that town, was the same man as the Connecticut settler of that name.]

\*Preserved in the Public Record Office, London.

†Translated from the Latin and abridged.





## FROM CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS\*

28 [illegible] 1648. To the Right Honorable the Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of England.

The complaint of JOHN WELLS of Tidmington, co. Worcester, and ROBERT WELLS, eldest son and heir apparent of the said orator John Welles, the said Robert being an infant of the age of eighteen years or thereabouts and not above, by your orator, John Welles, his father and guardian, shows that, whereas Walter Wells, your orator John Welles his great-grandfather, deceased, was in his lifetime, that is to say, about fifty years since, lawfully seised in his demesne as of fee of one messuage or tenement, two yardlands and a half yardland, and two closes of arable meadows and pasture ground, with appurtenances, in [B]urmington, co. Warwick, of the yearly value of £30 or thereabouts, and the said Walter Wells, for the better settling of the said messuage and lands in the name and blood of him, Walter Wells, did by feoffment and other good and sufficient conveyances, about fourscore years now last past, grant the said messuage and lands to the use of himself for life and afterwards to the use of Robert Wells, his eldest son, for the term of his life, and after the several deceases of the said Walter Welles and Robert Welles to the use of the first son or heir male of the body of the said Robert Wells lawfully begotten and of the heirs males of such first son or heir male lawfully begotten, and for the want of such heirs to the second, third, and fourth sons of the body of the said Robert Wells successively and to the heirs males of the body of every such sons successively, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of the said Walter Wells for ever, and the said Walter Wells, being of the said premises seised, about fourscore years since died, after whose decease Robert Wells, your orator's grandfather, entered into the said premises and became thereof seised in his demesne as of freehold for the term of his life, and, the said Robert Wells having issue Robert Wells, his eldest son, late father of your orator John Wells, and one Thomas Wells, a second brother, he, Robert Wells, grandfather of your orator John Wells, and Robert Wells the son, father of your orator John, did, as hath been lately pretended and affirmed, for the better maintenance and livelihood of the said Thomas Wells, about the sixth year of the reign of King James [1608], make a deed for settling and assuring the messuage and lands in Burmington unto Thomas Wells for the lives of your orator John Wells his grandfather and father or for the life of Thomas Wells or to such or the like effect, the certainty whereof your orator cannot express, by pretence and color whereof Thomas Wells, as is also pretended, entered into the messuage and lands in Burmington and became thereof seised, as is likewise pretended, in his demesne as of freehold for term of his life or for the term of the lives of Robert Wells and his son Robert Wells, grandfather and father of your orator John Wells, or of some such estate or title, the certainty whereof is as yet unknown to your orators, the remainder thereof upon the decease of Thomas Wells or upon the several deceases of Robert Wells, your orator's grandfather, and Robert Wells, father of your orator John Wells, unto the first son of the body of Robert Wells the grandfather and the heirs males of the body of such first son, with remainders as aforesaid, and, Thomas Wells being in possession of the aforesaid premises, Robert Wells, your orator's father, having issue your orator John Wells, his eldest son and heir, Robert Welles, your orator John Wells his grandfather, about twenty-nine years since died, and Robert Wells, father of your orator John Wells, about twenty years since also died, and the said Thomas Wells about twelve years since, having a desire to travel beyond the seas and being charged with the payment of £700 or thereabouts for legacies due to the younger children

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of Robert Wells, father of your orator John Wells, did resolve so to settle the said premises that the same should be, as he pretended, a security for payment of the said legacies and after the decease of Thomas Wells should remain unto your orator John Wells as eldest son and heir of Robert Welles the father, [who was] eldest son and heir male of Robert Wells the grandfather, and [unto] the heirs males [of your orator], and to that end and purpose the said Thomas Wells did by deed or conveyance or by his last will and testament in writing declare in what manner the said messuage and lands had been settled upon him by his father and eldest brother and did therein settle or convey the same to the uses aforesaid, and shortly after Thomas Wells took his voyage to sea and took with him two sons and one daughter, which are long since dead, and Thomas Wells surviving (all his children being dead) about five years since died also, without any issue of his body living at the time of his decease. After the decease of Thomas Wells the messuage and lands in Burmington descended, as of right the same ought to descend, unto your orator John Wells, as first and eldest son and heir male of Robert Wells his father, [who was] the first and eldest son and heir male of Robert Wells the grandfather, [who was] son of Walter Wells, and your orator John Wells accordingly entered into the said messuage and lands, and became thereof lawfully seised in his demesne as of fee tail to him and the heirs males of his body; and your orator John Wells, being so thereof seised, for the better maintenance and livelihood of your orator Robert Wells his son, about one year since did by his lease in writings grant the messuage and lands in Burmington unto your orator John Wells his son, for the term of four years, at a small yearly rent, hoping that the said Robert Wells might have peaceably and quietly held and enjoyed the same without any claim or interruption whatsoever. But now one George Neale of Water Eaton, co. Wilts, Gyles Tomes, and Richard Samon, the latter of Burmington, combining and confederating themselves together with one James Fynes, Esq., and William Sprigge, Gentleman, to disinherit and defeat your orator of the said messuage and lands, and having by casual or some indirect means gotten into their possession the deed or conveyances made by Walter Wells and the pretended deed or conveyance alleged to be made to Thomas Wells by his father and elder brother and all other deeds, evidences, etc., concerning the messuage and lands in Burmington, by color of having the same they, George Neale, Gyles Tomes, Richard Samon, James Fynes, [and] William Sprigge, have lately entered into the said messuage or tenement and lands, and have made divers secret leases and conveyances thereof unto and amongst themselves and divers other persons to your orator unknown, some times claiming the same by purchase from Thomas Wells or some other pretending interest therein, and some other times claiming the same under some pretended grant or conveyance from Robert Wells and Robert Wells, grandfather and father of your orator John Wells, whereas in truth Thomas Wells did not nor could not make any lawful conveyance thereof, neither did your orator's grandfather or father make any conveyance whatsoever whereby to debar the estates and interests of your orators in or by the aforesaid deed or conveyance made by Walter Wells as aforesaid. Howbeit George Neale, Gyles Tomes, Richard Samon, James Fynes, and William Sprigge, under the pretences aforesaid or some other undue pretences yet not discovered by your orator, do often times make entries and disturb your orators' peaceable possession of the premises, endeavoring to deprive your orators of the rents and profits of the premises, and have commenced several suits at law against your orator for recovery of the same and of the possession of the messuage and lands from your orators, to the disinherison of your orator John Wells and to the manifest wrong and prejudice of both your orators and contrary to all right, equity, and good conscience. In consideration whereof, forasmuch as your orators have no means





of relief by the common law, may it please Your Honors to grant unto your orators His Majesty's writ of subpcena, to be directed unto George Neale, Gyles Tomes, Richard Samon, James Fynes, and William Sprigge, commanding them to appear before Your Honors in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, etc.

The joint and several answers of GEORGE NEALE, GILES TOMES, and RICHARD SAMON, three of the defendants to the bill of complaint of John Wells and Robert Wells, his son.\* The defendants deny that Walter Wells was great-grandfather to the complainants or either of them, neither do they know or believe that Walter Wells was in his lifetime seised of the messuages and lands mentioned in the complaint nor that he made any such deed of feoffment or other conveyance of the premises or any part thereof to such use as is alleged in the complaint, nor do they believe that Walter Wells was ever seised of the premises or any part thereof, and so consequently had no power to make any such deed as is pretended by the complaint, nor do they believe that Robert Wells, the grandfather to the complainant John, entered and became seised of the premises by virtue of any such pretended deed or entail. The defendants say that, Robert Wells, the grandfather, being heretofore lawfully seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the messuage and lands in the complaint mentioned, of the yearly value of £30 or thereabouts, he, Robert Wells, the grandfather, and Alice, his then wife, and Robert Wells, his eldest son, by one deed indented dated 5 July, 13 James [1615], in consideration of a marriage then shortly after to be solemnized between Thomas Wells, his second son, and Alice Tomes, one of the daughters of one John Tomes, and in consideration of a jointure to be made for the said Alice, and in consideration of the sum of £300, being the marriage portion of the said Alice well and truly paid, did covenant with Thomas Kecke and Joseph Phelps that he, Robert the father, Alice, his wife, Robert the son and Johan, his wife, and the said Thomas Wells would, at the costs of Thomas Wells, his heirs and assigns, before the Feast of All Saints then next ensuing [1 November 1615], acknowledge and levy one fine concerning the said premises in Burmington to the use of Thomas Wells for the term of his life, and after his decease to the use of Alice, his intended wife, for the term of her life, for her jointure, and after their deceases to the use of the heirs of Thomas Wells on the body of Alice, his then intended wife, lawfully to be begotten, with remainder to the use of Robert Wells, son of Robert the grandfather, his heirs and assigns, for ever. And the defendants say that accordingly, in Michaelmas Term then following [2-25 November 1615], a fine was levied of the said premises; but the defendants know of no such deed made in the sixth year of his late Majesty's reign as in the complaint is pretended; and they believe that Thomas Wells, by virtue of the aforesaid deed and fine thereupon had, entered into the premises and became thereof seised; and they say that Thomas Wells, having divers children by him on the body of the said Alice begotten, did by one indenture, dated on or about 20 August, in the eleventh year of His now Majesty's reign [20 August 1635], grant unto James Fines, Esq., and William Sprigge, Gentleman, and their heirs, to the use of them and their heirs for ever, all the premises in the said bill mentioned, with their appurtenances, and in Hilary Term, in the twelfth year of His now Majesty's reign [11-31 January 1636/7], a fine was acknowledged and levied by Thomas Wells and Alice, his wife, to James Fines and William Sprig and their heirs, of the said premises; and the defendants say that by one indenture quintipartite, dated about 10 May in the fourteenth year of His now Majesty's reign [10 May 1638], made

\*Preceding this title are the words, in Latin, "All three sworn the 9th [?] day of June 1648," and below this statement are the words, also in Latin, "All three sworn the 15th day of November 1648." One or more signatures, which are illegible, follow the latter date.





between Thomas Wells, James Fiens, and William Sprig of the first part, this defendant, George Neale, of the second part, one Nicholas Hunt of the third part, this defendant, Tomes, of the fourth part, and Thomas Neale and Richard Warkeman of the fifth part, [and] reciting the aforesaid conveyance made by Thomas Wells to James Fiens and William Sprig and the fine thereupon levied, and also writing that . . . [Here is inserted a recital of the grant from Fiens and Sprig to Neale, Hunt, and Tomes, with the consideration therefor, and the further covenants made by Fiens and Sprig, as set forth in the Indenture Quintipartite, *supra*, p. 281], and in Michaelmas Term, in the fourteenth year of His now Majesty's reign [2-25 November 1638], a recovery was had accordingly, by virtue of which several conveyances the defendants, Neale and Tomes, conceive that they have a good estate of inheritance of and in the said premises, in such several proportions as is in the last recited indenture expressed. And the defendants believe [that] Robert Wells the grandfather and Robert Wells the father, his son, died on or about the time in the complaint set forth; and they know not whether Thomas Wells did desire to travel beyond sea for the reason in the complaint set forth, but [they] say that Thomas Wells, having made the aforesaid conveyance and settlement upon James Fiens and William Sprig, not long after departed out of this kingdom into New England. And the defendants, Neale and Tomes, do deny that the said assurance to them made was for security of money, as is pretended, but was an absolute sale; and [they] conceive [that] Thomas Wells had no reason to make any settlement of the premises for the payment of such pretended legacies, with remainder to the complainant and his heirs, for Thomas Wells had then and, as the defendants have lately heard, yet hath divers children and grandchildren of his own living; nor do the defendants know of any deed or will that Thomas Wells did make other than what the defendants have hereinbefore set forth. And the defendants say that they have lately heard and do verily believe that Thomas Wells [is] yet living and hath divers children and grandchildren yet living in New England; and they have lately seen an affidavit to such purpose, and Thomas Wells hath lately sent some letters to divers of his friends here in England; and so the complainants or either of them have no color of title at all to the said premises. And the defendants do deny that the complainants did ever make legal entry into the premises, but the complainants have lately, without any color of title, made a forcible entry into the premises, for which the complainant John, with others, standeth indicted. And the defendants deny combination and confederacy with any persons whatsoever, and they deny [that] they have in their custody any [of] the conveyances pretended to be made by Walter Wells. But the defendants Neale and Tomes have in their custody the aforesaid deed of settlement, made by Robert Wells the grandfather and Robert Wells the son to Thomas Wells, and a copy of the fine thereupon levied, and the said deed indented quintipartite, and the recovery thereupon had, and no others. And the defendants Neale and Tomes do claim to have an estate of inheritance in the premises in such proportions as is aforesaid, and the defendant Richard Salmon saith [that] he hath no estate at all in any part of the premises other than as he is tenant at will to the other defendant George Neale to some part thereof. And the defendants humbly pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs and charges in this behalf. (Chancery Proceedings, Charles I, C. 3, 467/35.)

[This answer of the defendants reveals the name of Gov. Thomas Welles's father, Robert, with the approximate year of his death, 1619, the Christian name of Governor Welles's mother, Alice, and the approximate date, 1615, of Governor Welles's marriage with Alice, daughter of John Tomes, as well as the fact that Governor Welles emigrated to New England "not long after" he had conveyed the Burmington property to Fieunes and Sprigg, that is, soon after





20 Aug. 1635. The complaint and the answer agree in stating that the Governor's father, Robert, died about 1619 and that the Governor's older brother, Robert, died about 1628.]

FROM CHANCERY DEPOSITIONS\*

[Wells v. Neale et al., 1648-1651]

Commission, 2 March 1649 [1649/50], from the Keepers of the Liberty of England to William Hicks, Richard Randall, William Barnes, and Richard Croft, Gentlemen, to administer interrogations and take depositions in [the case of] John Wells et al. *contra* George Neale et al.

Interrogatories to be ministered unto witnesses on behalf of George Neale, Giles Tomes, [and] Richard Samon the elder, defendants at the suit of John Wells, Gent., and Robert Wells, son of the said John Wells, complainants, in a cause depending in the High Court of Chancery between the said parties.

1. Do you know the parties, plaintiffs and defendants, or how many and which of them do you know and how long time have you known them?

2. Do you know or have you credibly heard whether or no one Walter Wells named in the complaint and therein alleged to be great-grandfather of the plaintiff John Wells was in truth great-grandfather of the plaintiff, or whether or no Walter Wells was [related] by some other degrees of consanguinity unto the plaintiff, and whether or no Walter Wells had a son, viz., his eldest son, called Robert Wells, whom the plaintiff John Wells allegeth to be his grandfather, [and] was not Walter Wells uncle to the before-named Robert Wells, and was not Robert Wells grandfather of the plaintiff John Wells? Have you seen the last will and testament of Walter Wells and the probate thereof? If yea, then is the writing now shewed unto you the last will and testament of Walter Wells, and did not Walter Wells in his last will and testament make one Robert Wells his executor, and did he not therein call Robert Wells his executor "his kinsman Robert Wells sonne of his Brother Thomas Wells," and was this Robert Wells, executor of Walter Wells, grandfather or father of the plaintiff, John Wells, or of what other degree of consanguinity was he unto the plaintiff, John Wells?

3. Do you know or have you credibly heard that Walter Wells was in his lifetime seised of a messuage and two yardlands and a half arable meadow and pasture and two closes, with appurtenances, in Burmington, co. Warwick, in fee simple? Did Walter Wells by feoffment or other assurance convey the same to the use of himself for his life, and after[wards] to the use of Robert Wells, with this express name, viz., "Robert Wells his eldest sonne for his lief," and after their several deceases then to the use of the first son or heir male of Robert Wells lawfully begotten and to the heirs males of such first son or heir male lawfully begotten and, for want of such heirs males, then to the use of the second, third, and fourth sons of Robert Wells, successively, and to the heirs males of every such sons, successively, and, for default of such issue, then to the use of the right heirs of Walter Wells for ever, as the plaintiffs by their complaint allege? Have you at any time seen any such deed of entail of the messuage and lands in Burmington pretended to be made by Walter Wells? If yea, then what date doth such deed bear, and where and in whose hands doth such pretended deed of entail remain, and do you know, remember, or have [you] credibly heard that Walter Wells had any such son named Robert Wells who was grandfather of the plaintiff John Wells?

4. Do you know or remember how long since Thomas Wells, uncle to

\*Preserved in the Public Record Office, London, the following depositions being found in Chancery Depositions before 1714, Mitford, bundle 722, no. 31.





the plaintiff John Wells, departed out of England unto the parts beyond the seas, and to what part or parts beyond the seas did he travel, whether unto a place called New England or to what other parts beyond the seas, how many children had he at the time of his departure out of England, that is, how many sons and how many daughters, what were their names, how many of his children did he take with him at the time of his departure, what were the names of the children which he took with him, and of what ages were they at the time of departure?

5. What notice or intelligence by messages, letters, or by any other ways or means whatsoever have you at any time or times heretofore since the departure of Thomas Wells out of England into New England received from Thomas Wells or from any other person or persons residing in New England or travelling between New England and England concerning the life, health, or well-being of Thomas Wells and his child and children, grandchild and grandchildren, and of which of them by name, or of how many of them, and when and at what time or times, and how long time is it since you last or lately heard of them or any of them, and of how many of their life or lives and of their name or names?

6. What or how many entries or entry hath the plaintiff John Wells and his son Robert Wells, or either of them and which of them, made into the possession of house and land in Burmington of the defendants, or of any of them and of which of them? Was such entries or entry made in a peaceable manner, lawfully, and by due course of law, or rather riotously, forcibly, and with strong hand, and with a multitude of people and contrary to the laws of England?

7. What other matter or things material or advantageous for the defendants' part do you know, [have you] credibly heard, or do [you] remember?

[Depositions of witnesses on behalf of the defendants.]

Nicholas Hunt of Burmington, co. Warwick, yeoman, aged 85 years or thereabouts, deposeth as followeth:

1. He knoweth all the parties, complainants and defendants, and hath known them for a long time.

2. He did know Walter Wells, and the said Walter was uncle unto Robert Wells grandfather unto the complainant John Wells, and not father unto him, and he hath heard [that] Walter Wells had a son named William Wells and that the said William died when he was of the age of about 15 or 16 years. He hath seen the last will and testament of Walter Wells, wherein he made the said Robert Wells, son of Thomas Wells his brother, by the name of his kinsman, executor of the will, and the writing now shewed unto him is, as he conceiveth, the last will and testament of Walter Wells.

3. He doth not know nor never heard that Walter Wells did ever make any deed of entail of the lands in Burmington, but doth believe that he had an estate of inheritance in fee simple or fee tail in the same, but how he did dispose of the same this deponent knoweth not.

4. He believeth that it is about 15 years since Thomas Wells, uncle to the complainant John Wells, went out of this kingdom of England unto the parts beyond the seas, unto a place, as he hath heard, called New England, and that he had at the time of his departure 3 sons and 3 daughters, all which he took along with him, and that his 3 sons were called by the names of John, the eldest son, Thomas, the second, and Samuell, the third son, and that the daughters were called by the names of Mary, Anne, and the other he doth not remember her name; and he hath heard that Thomas Wells had one son more, born since he went over thither, and he believeth his eldest child was of the age of about 13 years when they went away.

5. He hath had several letters from Thomas Wells from beyond the seas, and the last he received was dated 4 February 1646 [1646, 7]; and one John





Robins, who married the complainant John Wells his sister, brought the said letter and told this deponent that, when he came thence, the said T[homas Wells] and all his children were alive and well.

[——]e Salmon of Burmington, co. Warwick, aged 50 years or thereabouts, deposeth as followeth:

6. The complainant John Wells was in sight and presence when certain men to the number of 4 persons, viz., Willm. Clements, Willm. Court, John Jenkins, and Edward Page, broke into the house and possession where Richard Salmon did dwell in violent manner, and threw out of possession of the house five persons that were there in peaceable and quiet possession, and after[wards] put in one Mrs. Goodricke, who kept the possession until the undersheriff or some officers or deputies for him came and put Richard Salmon in possession again; and, while the said Mrs. Goodricke was in possession, [they carried off] the hay that stood on a rick in the backside and a good part of the corn out of the fields, and pulled down the floors, pales, doors, and doorcheeks of the house, glass out of the windows, and divers other things, all which was carried unto the house of the complainant John Wells, but by whom this deponent knoweth not.

Richard Hunt of Burmington, co. Warwick, yeoman, [aged ——]eight years or thereabouts, saith:

2. He hath heard that Walter Wells was not father but uncle to Robert Wells, grandfather to the complainant John Wells.

4. Thomas Wells went beyond sea to New England, as he believeth, and took with him six children, 3 sons, viz., John, Thomas, and Samuell, and 3 daughters, viz., Mary, Anne, and Sara; and this deponent believeth that the eldest was then of the age of 17 years or thereabouts and the youngest was then of the age of 2 years or thereabouts.

Mary Samon, wife of the defendant Richard Samon, of Burmington, co. Warwick, saith:

6. The complainant John Wells or his son made 3 entries into the house in Burmington: the first was by the plaintiff's son, who broke through the thatch into the house and then opened the door of the house and let in others, at which time there were cheeses taken forth of the house and divers other things to a good value; the second time certain men, as this deponent supposeth by the directions of the complainant John Wells, did break into the end of the dwelling house in question and violently did thrust out of the house this deponent and her husband; and the third time certain men, being 4 in number, did forcibly again break into the house by the procurement of the complainant John Wells, as the said men told this deponent, at which time this deponent and 4 others were in the house, and the 4 men did violently carry away this deponent and one Elizabeth Warkman "to Warr:" [? Warwick] at the suit, as they said, of the complainant John Wells, and also put the rest of the women forth of doors and threw out of the house divers goods of the said Richard Samon's, some small things whereof were lost, and the residue this deponent and her husband had again.

Richard Samon, Jr., of Burmington, co. Warwick, husbandman, aged 48 years or thereabouts, saith:

6. There were three entries made into the house in question: the first was about September, was 2 years, at which time this deponent saw the complainant John Wells pull off the thatch of the house and did put into the house a son of the said complainant John Wells, which son did open the door of the house and let in the complainant John Wells and Robert Wells his son and one Thomas Woodford, and then [they] barred themselves into the house; the second entry was made about the month of July, A.D. 1648, as this deponent believeth, but this deponent was not present when the second entry was made, neither was he present at the third entry, but after





the second and third entry he saw the complainant John Wells and others in the house, who kept possession therein with force, and, this deponent coming to fetch his plow, which was in the backside of the house, the complainant John Wells did threaten this deponent that, if he came upon the ground, he would shoot him, this deponent, or run him through with his trusty [?], which he had about him.

Elizabeth Warkman of Burmington, co. Warwick, spinster, aged. 23 years or thereabouts, saith:

6. In the month of September last past, was 2 years, this deponent did see John Wells, the complainant, break into the dwelling house of Richard Samon the elder by pulling down the thatch thereof, and [he] put into the house his son Richard Wells, who opened the doors and did let in his brother Robert and Thomas Woodford; and in July last, she being with four others in the said dwelling house, there came Willm. Clemance, Willm. Courte, Richard Page, and John Jenkins, sent, as she believeth, by the plaintiff John Wells, and did violently break down the doors, and drew out by force this deponent and the other four persons then being in the house, and kept the possession by strong hand.

[Signed] William Hyckes, Richard Randall, Richard Croft, William Barnes.

Interrogatories to be administered to witnesses on behalf of John Wells and Robert Wells, his son, complainants against George Neale, Giles Toms, and Richard Samon, defendants.

1. Do you know the parties, plaintiffs and defendants? Did you know Robert Wells the late grandfather and Robert Wells the late father of the complainant John Wells, and Walter Wells late uncle of Robert Wells the grandfather, deceased, and how long is it since the several deceases of Walter Wells, Robert Wells the grandfather, and Robert Wells the father?

2. Do you know that Walter Wells was in his lifetime seised in fee or of some estate of inheritance of one messuage and certain lands and tenements in Tidmington, co. Worcester, and of a messuage and two yardlands at Sturton, co. Warwick, and of the messuage and two yardlands and a half at Birmingham, co. Warwick? Did Walter Wells make any grant of the said messuages and lands or any part thereof to Robert Wells, grandfather of the complainant John Wells, or Richard Wells, another kinsman of the said Walter, and upon what consideration were the said lands so granted, as you know, believe, or have heard?

3. Have you read or seen any ancient deed or conveyance made by Walter Wells for settling his messuage and lands at Birmingham upon Robert Wells, grandfather of the complainant John Wells, for life, and afterwards to Robert Wells, father of the complainant John Wells, and the heirs males of his body in tail, or to Robert Wells the grandfather and to the heirs males of his body in tail, and when, where, and in whose custody did you so read or see the said deed, and where is the same now remaining?

4. Do you know of any deed or conveyance heretofore remaining in the hands of one Nicholas Hunt, whereby the messuage and lands at Birmingham were entailed or otherwise settled upon the complainant John Wells or Robert Wells, his late father and grandfather, and where and in whose hands or possession is the same deed now remaining, and by what means or procurement was the same deed gotten out of the hands of Nicholas Hunt?

5. Did Walter Wells die without any issue lawfully begotten, and did Walter Wells in his lifetime, for the love and affection which he bore to his brother's children, convey his messuage and lands at Stourton to one Richard Wells, his kinsman, and the heirs of his body, and did the said Walter likewise grant his messuage and lands at Birmingham to Robert Wells, late grandfather of the complainant John Wells, and to the heirs males of his





the brightest ornaments of Art of our city." By his first wife, whose maiden name was Norman, he had a son, who died young, and a daughter. By his second wife, Dorothea Lord, whom he married 4 November 1841, daughter of Joseph Nathan Lord of New York City, he had four daughters and two sons, the elder son exhibiting remarkable talent as a musician and the younger as an artist.

This younger son, John Worth Edmonds, bore the name of his father's elder brother, a well-known jurist, who was at one time on the bench of the New York Supreme Court and afterwards an associate judge of the New York Court of Appeals. He was educated in private schools, and at the age of eighteen, although he had looked forward to a career in art, was obliged for financial reasons to enter the employ of Hart & Rand, as an office boy. His fidelity to his duties led to his promotion, he became a partner in the firm in 1896, and was elected its secretary and treasurer in 1922.

Mr. Edmonds was a member of the Century, Down Town, Huntington Bay, and Knollwood Country Clubs, the Society of Sons of the Revolution, and the Military Order of Foreign Wars.

He married, 1 June 1905, Jeannette Louise Mourraille, of French ancestry, who survives him.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Communicated by HENRY EDWARDS SCOTT, A.B., Recording Secretary

*Boston, Massachusetts, 4 February 1925.* The annual meeting of the Society was held this day, for a report of which see the REGISTER of April 1925.

*4 March.* A stated meeting of the Society was held in Wilder Hall, 9 Ashburton Place, at 2.30 P.M., President Chase presiding.

The minutes of the annual meeting of 4 February 1925 were read and approved, and the reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, Historian, and Council were accepted, the Council reporting that since the annual meeting members of the Society had been elected as follows:

### *Resident Members*

Mrs. Frederick Barbour of Winthrop Highlands, Mass.  
Mrs. William Galpin of Muskegon, Mich.  
Alonzo P. Henderson of Hanover, Mass.  
Mrs. Thomas Hart de Coudres of Putnam, Conn.  
Mrs. Samuel Hooker Strobbridge of Los Angeles, Calif.  
Maj. John Bion Richards of Fall River, Mass.  
W. Sears Nickerson of Harwich Port, Mass.  
Mrs. William J. Bradley of Lawrence, Mass.  
Ella S. Coe of Litchfield, Conn.  
Mrs. J. A. Clark of Pueblo, Colo.

On motion of Hosea Starr Ballou it was unanimously

*Voted*, That the following message of greeting be signed by the President of the Society and the Recording Secretary, and be sent to President Coolidge:

"To President Calvin Coolidge,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

"Mr. President:

"The New England Historic Genealogical Society, convened to-day in its stated March meeting, by formal vote of greeting on your inauguration, wishes you a most successful administration and congratulates you as an exemplar of the best New England traditions and its most distinguished Honorary Member."





On motion of Rev. Glenn Tilley Morse it was unanimously

*Voted*, That the following message of greeting be signed by the President of the Society and the Recording Secretary, and be sent to Vice President Dawes:

"To Hon. Charles G. Dawes,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

"Mr. Vice President:

"The New England Historic Genealogical Society, convened to-day in its stated March meeting, by formal vote greets you, one of its distinguished Honorary Members, on your inauguration as Vice President of the United States, and wishes you health and happiness."

The Chair then presented, as the speaker of the afternoon, Mary Caroline Crawford of Boston, who read an instructive and interesting paper on *Franklin and the French Intriguers*, in which she presented the results of her careful investigation into the history of an interesting episode of the Revolutionary period.

No further business being presented, the President, at 3.30 P.M., declared the meeting dissolved, and invited the members of the Society and their guests to remain for the usual social hour.

*1 April.* A stated meeting of the Society was held in Wilder Hall, 9 Ashburton Place, at 2.30 P.M., President Chase presiding.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved, and the reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, Historian, and Council were accepted, the Council reporting that since the March meeting members of the Society had been elected as follows:

*Life Members*

Mrs. Carl Adams Richmond of Tyngsborough, Mass.  
Helen Vera Paine of Marblehead, Mass.

*Resident Members*

Virginia Chevalier Cork of George School, Pa.  
Frances Raymond of Troy, N. Y.  
Mrs. William V. Johnson of Kirby, Mont.  
Mrs. Mignonette de la Force Marvin Riker of Flanders, N. J.  
Abner Leach Braley of Brookline, Mass.  
Mrs. Philip Richardson of Brookline, Mass.  
Mrs. W. P. Mackintosh of Providence, R. I.  
Mrs. Frank Piper of Cambridge, Mass.  
J. Bernard Wohlfarth of Augusta, Me.  
Mrs. Walton B. Caldwell of Matoaka, W. Va.  
Mrs. Lilian Carpenter Streeter of Concord, N. H.  
Mrs. Fiske Warren of Boston, Mass.  
Mrs. William W. Sargood of Lee, Mass.  
Katherine Headford Goodwin of Montpelier, Vt.  
Carolyn Elizabeth Armitage of Somerville, Mass.  
Mrs. W. D. Whitmore, Jr., of San Francisco, Calif.

On motion of Rev. Glenn Tilley Morse it was unanimously

*Voted*, That the following message of greeting be sent by the Recording Secretary to Mr. Edward Dean Adams of New York City, the seventy-ninth anniversary of whose birth is to be celebrated by his friends by a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria in New York on 9 April 1925:

"To Mr. Edward Dean Adams, its esteemed friend and benefactor, the New England Historic Genealogical Society extends its congratulations and greetings on the seventy-ninth anniversary of his birth. May he be spared many more years and continue his benevolent and useful services to his fellow men."

Walter Kendall Watkins, after calling attention to the fact that gravestone inscriptions have become a recognized authority in genealogical research and in the compilation of town histories, stated that the Walter Street Burial Ground in West Roxbury (Roslindale), dating back to 1722, has been turned over by the Park Department of the City of Boston to the Arnold Arboretum, that the boundary wall of this burial ground has been torn down, the gravestones broken off, carted away, and dumped in an adjoining field, that some of them have been incorporated in a new wall, and that graves have been dug up and rows of trees planted. On motion of Mr. Watkins it was, therefore, unanimously

*Voted*, That the New England Historic Genealogical Society, assembled in stated meeting on 1 April 1925, sends a respectful protest to His Honor the Mayor of Boston against this destruction of an historic site and the evidence which it presented.





President Chase laid before the Society a letter from Hon. Everett Sanders, Secretary to the President of the United States, in which he expressed the thanks of the President for the greetings of the Society which were sent to him on the occasion of his inauguration, and also a letter from Vice President Dawes, which stated that he appreciated the action of the officers and directors of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in making him an Honorary Member.

The Chair then presented, as the speaker of the afternoon, Harold Murdock, A.M., of Chestnut Hill, Mass., a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, and the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, who read extracts from a book already published by him on "The Nineteenth of April 1775," the passages selected for reading describing especially the events of the afternoon of that day, after the British troops, in their retreat from Concord, had been joined at Lexington by the reinforcements commanded by Lord Percy, and giving the author's view of the conduct of the troops under Percy's command as they continued their retreat from Lexington to Charlestown.

On motion of Everett Jeffs Beede a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Murdock for his kindness in presenting to the Society some of the results of his careful study of the opening battle of the Revolution.

President Chase then announced that the Society had received by the will of the late Mrs. F. Gordon Dexter a solid mahogany dining table, which had been placed on exhibition in Wilder Hall. This table was made about one hundred and twenty-five years ago by Vose and Coates, cabinetmakers of Boston, and originally belonged to Hannah Rowe Linzee, daughter of Capt. John Linzee of the British Navy and wife of Thomas Coffin Amory, a distinguished merchant of Boston. From Mrs. Amory the table descended to her son, Charles Amory, and from him to his daughter, Susan Greene Amory, who became the wife of Franklin Gordon Dexter and who bequeathed the table to this Society. Mrs. Dexter, who died last year, was also a granddaughter of Gardiner Greene of Boston, whose mansion house stood not far from the two sites occupied by the Historic Genealogical Society in the last half century, viz., the site at 18 Somerset Street and the present site at 9 Ashburton Place, and through her grandmother, the wife of Gardiner Greene, was a great-granddaughter of John Singleton Copley, the distinguished portrait painter.

No further business being presented, the Chair, at 4.15 P.M., declared the meeting dissolved, and the members of the Society and their guests enjoyed the usual social hour.

*6 May.* A stated meeting of the Society was held in Wilder Hall, 9 Ashburton Place, at 2.30 P.M., President Chase presiding.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved, and the reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Council were accepted, the Council reporting that since the April meeting members of the Society had been elected as follows:

*Corresponding Member*

Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Life Member*

Mrs. Holden McGinley of Readville, Mass.

*Resident Members*

Charles Higginson of Cohasset, Mass.

Mrs. Arthur James Trethewey of Roslindale, Mass.

Frank Hall Hendryx of Ithaca, N. Y.

Mrs. J. Chapman Shaffer of Munhall, Pa.

Francis Granger of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Frederic D. Wolcott of North Cambridge, Mass.

David F. Butler of South Braintree, Mass.

Pollie Adams Pierce of Boston, Mass.

The Chair then presented, as the speaker of the afternoon, Ralph Adams Cram, Litt.D., LL.D., of Boston, Mass., who, before a large and appreciative audience, consisting of members of the Society and their friends, delivered a very interesting, instructive, and trenchant address on *Colonial Church Architecture*, which was illustrated with stereopticon views not only of notable examples of ecclesiastical architecture in the United States but also of several well-known London churches





whose architectural history was not unrelated to the subject of the lecture. In the course of his remarks Mr. Cram criticized severely much of the work of Sir Christopher Wren and his school in England.

On motion of Desmond FitzGerald a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Mr. Cram for his scholarly and stimulating presentation of his subject.

No further business being presented, the Chair, at 4 P.M., declared the meeting dissolved, and the members of the Society and their guests were invited to remain for a social hour in the tea room.

## NOTES

It having come to the attention of this Society that certain genealogists and publishers have used the name of the Society in connection with their own enterprises, the Society again desires to state that it has NO genealogical representatives in this country or in England, nor is it in any way connected with any publications other than those that it issues over its own name at 9 Ashburton Place, Boston.

**TOWLE BIBLE RECORDS.** — In an article entitled "Some of the Descendants of Philip Towle of Hampton, N. H.," which was published in the REGISTER in Oct. 1889 (vol. 43, pp. 364-370), Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Towle (Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Philip<sup>1</sup>) is said (p. 367) to have had, among other children whose names are given, a son James,<sup>4</sup> born 28 Oct. 1737, about whom no further information is given. This James<sup>4</sup> is also given as a son of Jonathan<sup>3</sup> Towle, without date of birth or other information, in Alvin F. Towle's "Descendants of Jonathan Towle," Boston, 1903, p. 125. Dow's "History of the Town of Hampton," also, states (vol. 2, p. 1002) that this James was born 28 Oct. 1737; and Parsons's "History of the Town of Rye" (p. 546) gives the same date for his birth and assigns to him sons James and John, without further information. The transcript of the New Hampshire town records has neither the marriage of James<sup>4</sup> Towle nor the births of any of his sons.

At a house-cleaning at Meredith, N. H., a few years ago, among the things thrown out to be burned was the family Bible, published in Brattleboro, Vt., in 1820, of John<sup>5</sup> Towle, son of James.<sup>4</sup> It was rescued by Horace Fogg of Meredith, who sends me a copy of the entries, as follows:

[Names]	Births	Deaths
James Towle	Oct. 28 1737	Nov. 28 1815
Tryphenia Towle	1747	Dec. 2 1815
[Their Children]		
Josiah Towle	Nov. 20 1762	May 4 1840
Levi Towle	Jan. 10 1768	Sept. 10 1845
John Towle	July 15 1770	Jan. 23 1851
Dorothy Towle		1851
John Towle and Hannah Bean were married June 3 1798		
[Their Children]	[Births]	[Deaths]
Lavinia Towle	Mar. 19 1799	Mar. 15 1800
John Washington Towle	Aug. 14 1800	Oct. 30 1800 [sic]
Lavinia Towle	Nov. 26 1801	July 22 1804
Lettis Towle	June 27 1804 [sic, ? 1803]	Feb. 4 1804
Lettis Bean Towle	July 29 1805	Dec. 31 1851
Mary Jane Towle	Nov. 3 1807	Nov. 27 1815
Charles Pinckney Towle	June 21 1811	Nov. 10 1816
George Sullivan Towle	July 3 1814	
Mary Jane Towle	Feb. 27 1816	





Lavinia Towle	Mar. 24 1818	Aug. 21 1849
Almira Towle	Mar. 24 1818	
Charles Pinckney Towle	Feb. 18 1820	

*Children's Marriages*

John Washington Towle and Nancy Catherine Avrill	Dec. 4 1837
Lettis Bean Towle " George N. Lang Esq.	Nov. 9 1836
Mary Jane Towle " John K. True	May 31 1841
Lovina Towle " John C. Stanyan	Nov. 25 1840
George Towle " Ann Towle	Oct. 8 1846
Charles Towle " Anna Coe	Dec. 24 1845

*[Names]**Births**Deaths*

Nancy Avrill wife of John Towle		May 20 1841
Frances Catherine Towle	May 21 1840	June 28 1841
" " Stanyan	Feb. 10 1842	
Mary Ellen True	Mar. 15 1842	
Edward Lang True	June 19 1846	
Catherine Augusta Stanyan	Sept. 2 1843	
John Towle Stanyan	Mar. 25 1846	
Ellen Lavinia Towle } dau's. of Charles	July 22 1847	Sept. 10 1848
Elvira Towle } and Anna		
John Cox Towle	Mar. 11 1850	
Adilana Towle dau. of George	Sept. 30 1847	

Mr. Fogg finds the handwriting of this record somewhat obscure. The date of the death of John Washington Towle, if correctly transcribed, is an obvious error. He married in 1837, and Frances Catherine Towle, born May 21, 1840, must be his daughter. No other child in the list is attributable to him. A more critical examination of the record might show that he died not in 1800 but in 1840.

New York, N. Y.

HENRY WINTHROP HARDON.

TOWSON BIBLE RECORDS. — The following records were copied by me from a family Bible now in the possession of Miss Emily Warden Towson of "Homewood," the old mansion of the Towsons at Smithsburg, Washington Co., Md.

William Tolley Towson, the earliest member of the family whose name is entered in this Bible, was born 23 Jan. 1735, according to the records of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore. He was the son of Darius Towson, born, probably in Baltimore Co., Md., about 1710, whose father, William Towson, was born, probably in England, about 1685, and emigrated to Maryland early in the eighteenth century. There are numerous descendants of this William Towson; and there are other Towsons who are descended from a Thomas Towson, who was presumably a brother of William.

John Irwin was born on the 12th May 1783

John Irwin got Married to Lydia Towson\* the 22nd June 1816 Say Eighteen hundred and Sixteen —

John Irwin departed this Life the 16th March 1817, Aged 34 years 2 months & 4 days†

John Towson, departed this Life, the 20th November 1827 Aged 25 Years 3 Months & 15 days‡

Mary Louisa Towson departed this life August 12th 1849, Aged 19 years & 9 months

Louisa Towson departed this life June 27th 1860 Aged 60 years 7 months and 29 days

Martha Shearer Smith departed this life January 29th 1865, aged 39 years 7 months and 4 days

Ethelinda Coakley Towson departed this life Aug. 2nd 1865

Ann Elizabeth Towson departed this life June 28th 1868, aged 41 years 1 mo 23 days

William Towson departed this life February 17th 1869 aged 71 years 5 mo 25 days

Lydia Irwin departed this life November 6th 1869 Aged 80 years 8 mo 12 days

\*Daughter of Jacob T[olley] and Jane (Boyd) Towson. *Vide infra*.

†John and Lydia (Towson) Irwin had no issue.

‡Son of Jacob T[olley] and Patty (Shearer) Towson (*vide infra*). He died unmarried.





William Tolley Towson was born in the year of Our Lord Seventeen Hundred & Thirty Five and Departed this life the 8th day of November 1767 Aged About 32 years

The Sons and Daughter of Wm T. Towson and Hannah his Wife  
 Susanna Towson was born the 5th day of October 1760  
 Jacob T Towson was born the 3d day of January 1763  
 William Towson was born the 12th day of January 1765

Jane Boyd and J. T. Towson was Married on the 19th day of April 1788.

The Daughters of Jacob and Jane Towson  
 Lydia Towson was born the 25th Feby 1789  
 Hannah Towson was born the 8th day of May 1791 [*the rest of this entry in a different handwriting*] married Archibald Shearer Porterfield son of Elizabeth Shearer & Alexander Porterfield.

Jane Towson Departed this Life on the 24th day of August 1794

Patty Shearer and Jacob T Towson got Married on the 3rd September 1795

Wm Towson was born on the 23rd day August 1797 who is the Son of Jacob and Patty Towson  
 Archd Towson Son of Jacob & Patty Towson was born the 5th day of January 1799

Sarah Towson was born the 11th day of September Eighteen Hundred 1800 Daughter of Jacob & Patty Towson

John Towson was born the 5th day of Augt Eighteen Hundred & Two ' 1802 Son of Jacob & Patty Towson

Archd Towson Departed this Life the 12th day of August Eighteen Hundred & Three

Patty Towson wife of Jacob Departed this Life the 6th day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty four 1824 Aged Sixty years, three Months, and twenty three days

William Towson Got Married to Louisa Hamme the 5th day of October 1824

Jacob T. Towson Departed this Life the 12th day of December in the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Forty One 1841, Aged Seventy Eight Years Eleven Months and Nine days 78 yrs 11 mos 9 days

Martha S. Towson and John Irwin Smith were married 15th February 1844

Jacob Tolley Towson Departed this Life the 17th day of March 1907 Aged 75 Yrs. 3 Months and 18 days

Henrietta Maria Towson wife of Jacob Tolley Towson departed this life the second day of April Nineteen hundred and ten Aged 74 Years 10 months and 6 days

Henry Clay Towson died in 1886 he having married Martha Coakley & moved to Shelbyna Mo. during the Great Civil War. He is survived by an only Son H. C. Towson who now (1911) lives at De Queen, Ark.

John William Towson after serving in the Confederate Army in the Black Horse Troop of Warrenton Va went to Missouri in 1866 and lives at Shelbyna Mo at this date (1911) He is the only survivor of the 8 children of William Towson.

#### Children of Wm & Louisa Towson

Martha Shearer Towson, Was Born 25th June 1825

Ann Elizabeth Towson Was Born 5th May 1827

Jacob Tolley Towson Was Born 11th November 1829

Jacob Tolley Towson Was Born 27th November 1831

Sarah Jane Towson Was Born 25th January 1834

Ethylinda Coakley Towson Was Born 21st January 1837

John William Towson Was Born 2nd March 1839

Henry Clay Towson Was Born 13th July 1842

Louisa Hamme: was born Nov: 8th 1799

Sarah Jane (Towson) Smith widow of Wm Smith departed this life on the 17th February 1910 Aged 75 yrs and 23 days

William Percy Towson son of Jacob T. and Henrietta M. Towson Departed this Life December 25th 1918 Aged 59 Years 3 Months 19 Days

John William Towson son of Wm and Louisa Towson of Williamsport Maryland Departed this life in Shelbyna Missouri November 23rd 1920 aged 81 Years 8 months and Twenty one days

Jacob T. Towson & Henrietta M. Bishop were married January 6th 1857





## Children of Jacob T &amp; H. M. Towson

Anna Hoyer Towson was born November 7th 1857

William Percy was born September 9th 1859

Lucy Bishop Towson was born Sept. 20th 1861

Martha [sic, ? Maria] Louisa Towson was born October 16th 1863

Isabella Hughes Towson was born April 3th [sic] 1865

Arthur Lee Towson was born November 6th 1866

Elizabeth Towson was born May 8th 1869

Mabel Towson was born February 2nd 1871

Ethelred Towson was born March 31 1873

Emily Warden Towson was born January 29 1875\*

Robert Fenn Towson was born August 14th 1877

Davis L. Kenly & Anna H Towson were married by Rev. C. R. Page October 19th 1882

Anderson Price & Isabella H. Towson were married June 26 1888 by Rev. F. I. Clayton

J. Alexander Brady and Lucy Bishop were married by Revd Joseph W. Cassidy March 31st 1891

William Percy Towson and Helen Mar Bridges were married at Hancock Md. February 11th 1909 by Rev. James R. Bridges D.D., Asst. by Rev. James Webster.

Maria Louisa Towson died August 18th 1864 Aged 10 mo.

Arthur Lee Towson and Julia Paulding were married April 10th 1901, by Rev. Wm H. Holden

Alexander Draper Coale and Ethelred Towson were Married February 18th 1903 by Rev. William Coale.

George Albert Landell and Mabel Towson were Married January 2d 1907 by Rev. C. J. Curtis

Robert Fenn Towson and Mary Harris Brawley were married April 30th 1907 at Chester, S. C. by Rev. S. J. Carthedge.

Carlton Ames Wheeler and Elizabeth Towson were married at "Homewood" Smithsburg Md. June 25th 1908 by Rev. C. J. Curtis

## Children of Davis L. Kenly &amp; Anna H. his wife

George Tyson Kenly was born March 14th 1890

Robert Gordon Kenly was born May 24th 1895

## Children of Arthur Lee Towson &amp; Julia Paulding his wife

Arthur Lee Towson was born October 16th 1907

Henrietta Towson was born April 5th 1910

Paulding Towson was born Jan. 25th 1913

## Children of J. Alexander Brady and Lucy B. his wife

Eleanor Brady was born January 31st 1896†

Richard Towson Brady was born August 1st 1897

## Children of Alexander Draper Coale and Ethelred Towson his wife

Alexander Draper Coale was born December 2nd 1903

Elizabeth Towson Coale was born March 12th 1905

## Children of Anderson Price and Isabella Hughes his wife

Towson Price was born June 14th 1889

Charles Stuart Price was born April 29 1892

Antoinette Price was born October 31 1897

## Children of Robert Fenn Towson and Mary his wife

Jacob Tolley Towson was born January 29th 1908, at Chester, S. C.

Mary Harris Towson was born November 11, 1910, Chester, S. C., and died Dec. 8, 1910.

Robert Fenn Towson was born August 14 1914 at Chester, S. C.

## Children of Carlton A. and Elizabeth Wheeler

Coburn Towson Wheeler was born Sept. 2nd 1909.

Towson Ames Wheeler, was born Sept. 30 1911

## Children [sic] of George Albert Landell and Mabel his wife

Henrietta Maria Landell was born May 7th 1910

Watertown, Mass.

WINIFRED LOVERING HOLMAN.

\*She is the possessor of the Bible from which these records have been copied.

†She is now Mrs. Elinor (Brady) Biedler of Baltimore, Md.





**FAMILY RECORDS OF ROBERT CARTER OF NOMINI HALL, VA.** — Through the courtesy of Matt Bushnell Jones, A.B., LL.B., of Newton, Mass., President of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society of many years' standing, and actively interested in its work, the REGISTER is enabled to publish the family records given below. They have been copied from a daybook which was begun 28 May 1784 by Councillor Robert Carter of Nomini Hall, Westmoreland Co., Va., and is now owned by Edwin Welles Dwight, M.D., of Marshfield, Mass., chief medical officer of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, who has kindly consented that this copy should be made for publication.

Councillor Robert Carter was a great-grandson of Col. John Carter, who came from England and settled in Upper Norfolk (now Nansemond) Co., Va., prior to 1650. Soon after his arrival there he bought several thousand acres of land on the Corotoman River, in Lancaster Co., Va., where he made his permanent home. He died in 1669. By Sarah Ludlow, the fourth of his five wives, he was the father of Robert Carter of Corotoman (1663-1732), who was known as "King" Carter and was probably the wealthiest man of his time in all the Colonies. By his second wife, Mrs. Betty (Landon) Willis, "King" Carter had a son, Robert Carter of Nomini Hall, Westmoreland Co., who married Priscilla Churchill and was the father of Robert Carter the Councillor, born in 1728, died in 1804, from whose daybook these records of his family have been taken.

Nomini Hall was situated on the Nomini River, about five miles from its junction with the Potomac. The house was built by Robert Carter, father of the Councillor, between the years 1725 and 1732, and was destroyed by fire in 1850. It stood in an estate of 2500 acres, which, with many thousand acres more, lying in various parts of Virginia and Maryland, was inherited by Robert Carter the Councillor, who was an only son. An account of this Carter family, descendants of Col. John Carter, may be found, with portraits, in Glenn's "Some Colonial Mansions," Philadelphia, 1898-99, vol. 1, pp. 217-294; and interesting glimpses of the life at Nomini Hall and the personal characteristics of the Councillor and his wife and children are obtained in the "Journal and Letters" of Philip Vickers Fithian, who was a tutor at the Hall in 1773-74. This book was published by the Princeton (N. J.) Historical Association in 1900. Extracts from the "Journal" may be found also in *The American Historical Review*, vol. 5, pp. 290-319 (January 1900). A "Carter Family Tree" was prepared and published in 1896 by R. R. Carter of Shirley, Va.; but the list of children of Robert Carter the Councillor, as there set forth, is incomplete, and the chart lacks many dates and much important genealogical information. The records given below, however, furnish an authoritative account of the family of the Councillor, from his own pen.

Maryland Annapolis 2<sup>d</sup> day of April A. D. 1754 This day Robt. Carter was married to Miss Frances Tasker, the last child of the honble Benjamin Tasker and Ann Tasker of this town.

#### Children —

Their 1<sup>st</sup> Child, Benjamin Carter was born at Nomny Hall, Westmd County Virginia on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1756, who departed this Life the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1779. B. C. died at Mr. Lane's House in Loudon County and was buried at Bull-run meeting House B. C.'s last will was recorded 25<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1779 in the Records of Westmorl County Court — 19 days after the Death of the testator.

Robert Bladen Carter, their 2<sup>d</sup> Son was born at Nomony Hall the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1759, who died the 22<sup>d</sup> day February 1793 in the City of London, England.

Priscilla Carter, their 1<sup>st</sup> daughter was born at Nomony Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1760.

Ann Tasker Carter, their 2<sup>d</sup> daughter was born in Wmsburg on the 17<sup>th</sup> day January 1762.

Rebecca Carter, their 3<sup>d</sup> daughter was born in Wmsburg on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1762. Rebecca Carter died in a few hours after born and buried in the Church yard Wmsburg.

Frances Tasker Carter, their 4<sup>th</sup> daughter was born in Wmsburg the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May in yr 1764.

Betty Landon Carter, their 5<sup>th</sup> daughter was born in Wmsburg the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1765.





Mary Carter, their 6<sup>th</sup> daughter was born in W<sup>ms</sup>burg the 27<sup>th</sup> February A. D. 1767, who died the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1771, was buried Church Yard in W<sup>ms</sup>burg.

Harriot Lucy Carter, their 7<sup>th</sup> daughter, was born in W<sup>ms</sup>burg the 8<sup>th</sup> July A. D. 1768.

Amelia Carter, their 8<sup>th</sup> daughter, was born in W<sup>ms</sup>burg the 11<sup>th</sup> day June A. D. 1769, who died the 29<sup>th</sup> day July, was buried in Church Yard W<sup>ms</sup>burg.

Rebecca Dulany Carter, their 9<sup>th</sup> daughter, was born in W<sup>ms</sup>burg the 18<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1770, who died the 16<sup>th</sup> July A. D. 1771, was buried in Church Yard W<sup>ms</sup>burg.

John Tasker Carter, their 3<sup>rd</sup> son, was born in W<sup>ms</sup>burg the 2<sup>d</sup> day of March A. D. 1770 [*sic*, ? 1772].

Sarah Fairfax Carter, their 10<sup>th</sup> daughter was born at Nomony Hall the 10<sup>th</sup> day April A. D. 1773.

Judith Carter, their 11<sup>th</sup> daughter, was born at Nomony Hall the 17<sup>th</sup> September A. D. 1775, who died 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1775.

George Carter, their 4<sup>th</sup> son and 15<sup>th</sup> child, was born at Nomony Hall the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1777.

Sophia Carter, their 12<sup>th</sup> daughter and 16<sup>th</sup> child, was born at Nomony Hall the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1778.

Julia Carter, their 13<sup>th</sup> daughter and 17<sup>th</sup> child, was born at Nomony Hall the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April Anno Dom 1783.

The children of Robert and Frances Carter from No. 1 to No. 15 inclusive were baptized by ministers of the church of England. No. 16 and 17 are not baptized they being born since the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1778 — on that Day R. Carter was baptized after the mode practised by Baptist Churches in Virginia who deny baptism to infants till they relate an Experience of Divine Grace wrought on themselves.

Frances Carter late wife of R. Carter died 31<sup>st</sup> October in y<sup>e</sup> year 1787 and was buried in the garden at Nom<sup>y</sup> Hall in Westm<sup>d</sup> County.

Robt Carter's first daughter Priscilla Carter was born at Nomony Hall the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1760, who married Mr. Robert Mitchell March 1782, their Issue —

Frances Tasker Mitchell — born y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> January 1784

Robert Bladen Mitchell 23<sup>rd</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1785

Carter Mitchell 2<sup>d</sup> February 1787

Sophia Mitchell 1788

Julia Mitchell 1790

Olivia Ann Mitchell 9<sup>th</sup> May 1791

Richard Tasker Mitchell 25<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1794

Harriet Mitchell May 1797

Female who died soon after she was born 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 1799

3 male children who died before named.

Robt. Carter's Second Daughter Anna Tasker Carter was born in the City of W<sup>ms</sup>burg on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1762 who married Mr. John Peck, born in the State called Jersey, the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1785. their Issue —

Robert Carter Peck, who died very young

Harriot Peck — Jan<sup>y</sup> 1788

John Carter Peck 1791

Emanuel Peck 1792

John Peck died y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> May 1793

Ann Tasker Peck widow married Mr. Hugh Quinlan a native of Ireland day of in the Year 1795

Ann Tasker Quinlan departed this Life the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1798 leaving four children three of whom by her first husband J. Peck, the 4<sup>th</sup> Tasker Carter Quinlan born the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1797.

Robt. Carter's Third Daughter Frances Carter was born at Nomony Hall in Westmoreland County on the 25<sup>th</sup> day May in the Year of our Lord 1764, who married Major Thomas Jones of Hanover County on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782. their Issue —

Frances Tasker Jones Jan<sup>y</sup> 1783

Thomas ap Thomas Jones October 1785

Sarah Jakell Jones 1787

Elizabeth Jones 1789

Jane Jones 1791





Frederick Jones

dead

Carter Jones

dead

Frances Jones depart this Life      day      Month      year 1795

Robt. Carter's Fourth Daughter Betty Landon Carter was born at Nomony Hall in Westmoreland County the 25<sup>th</sup> October in the year of our Lord 1765, who married Mr. Spencer Ball of Northumberland County March 1788. their Issue —

Frances Tasker Ball	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1789
Elizabeth Lucy Ball	16 <sup>th</sup> Aug <sup>st</sup> 1791
Robert Martrom Ball	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 1793
Francis Waring Ball	19 <sup>th</sup> Februry 1795
Louisa Ball	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1797
Alfred Ball	19 <sup>th</sup> April 1798
Adaline Ball	1799
A child to be added.	

Robert Carter's Fifth Daughter Harriot Lucy Maund was born at Nomony Hall in Westmoreland County the 8<sup>th</sup> July in the year of our Lord 1768, who married Mr. John James Maund, born in England, Aug<sup>st</sup> 1789. Their issue —

Anna Martin Maund Sept<sup>r</sup> 1790  
 Robert Carter Maund March 1792  
 John James Maund 1793  
 Bryan Maund March 1794  
 George Tasker Maund July 1795  
 Henry Lee Maund March 1797  
 Newton Maund June 1799  
 Julia Carter Maund 9<sup>th</sup> October 1800

Robert Carter's Sixth Daughter Sarah Fairfax Chinn born at Nomony Hall Westmd<sup>d</sup> County in the Commonwealth of Virginia the 10<sup>th</sup> April in the year 1773, who married Dr. John Chinn of Richmd<sup>d</sup> County in Virga in December 1796. Their issue —

John Robt. Chinn March 1798  
 Sarah Frances Chinn 1799  
 A child to be added.

Mrs. Priscilla Lewis widow was buried near the Abbington Church in Gloucester County in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord 1763.

Elizabeth Willis and Robert Carter her children by her former Husband Robert Carter Jun<sup>r</sup> survive her.

STOCKING GENEALOGY: CORRECTION AND ADDITIONS. — To the REGISTER, vol. 50, pp. 171-176 (April 1896), Edward E. Cornwall, M.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., contributed an article entitled "Family of George Stocking," which was reprinted in pamphlet form. It deals with the early generations of a Connecticut family. The last child of the last head of a family given in this article is Margery (p. 176), baptized 7 Jan. 1759, daughter of Elisha<sup>4</sup> Stocking (No. 11 of the article). This Margery, it is stated, married 20 Oct. 1793 James Porter. As a matter of fact she married Ebenezer Wells, and it was her niece, another Margery Stocking, daughter of a half brother, Capt. Zebulon<sup>5</sup> Stocking (11, iii), who married James Porter. This second Margery Stocking was the sixth child of Capt. Zebulon and Martha (Edwards) Stocking, and is not found in the list of their children — five in number — given in Dr. Cornwall's article. The erroneous statement that Marjery Stocking, daughter of Elisha, married James Porter, is printed also in "The Stocking Ancestry," by Rev. Charles Henry Wright Stocking, D.D., 1903, p. 12, though on p. 191 of this book, under the heading "Sundry Marriages," is recorded the marriage of a Marjery Stocking and Ebenezer Wells, 29 Apr. 1779. The evidence that it was Margery, daughter of Capt. Zebulon Stocking, who married James Porter is herewith submitted.

In the Middletown (Conn.) Land Records, vol. 22, p. 401, there is entered a deed, dated 2 July 1781, from Ebenezer Wells and his wife Margery of Wethersfield to Elijah Wright of the same town, conveying their interest in certain lands, this Margery being the daughter of Thankful Stocking [the third wife of Elisha<sup>4</sup> Stocking]. Elijah Wright was the husband of Lucy, a daughter of Thankful Stocking by her first husband, Benjamin Butler. This Margery (Stocking) Wells never married James Porter.





The records of the Congregational Church of Cromwell, Conn., which was a part of Middletown until 1851, show the marriage of James Porter and Margery Stocking on 4 Sept. 1793 — not 20 Oct. 1793, the date given by Dr. Cornwall for the marriage of Margery, daughter of Elisha Stocking, and James Porter.

This Margery (Stocking) Porter moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where she died 8 Feb. 1856, her death notice in the *Brooklyn Evening Star* of 9 Feb. 1856 reading: "In this city on the 8th of February, Margaret, relict of the late James Porter, aged 80."

She was buried in the cemetery at Brooklyn known as "The Evergreens (Lot 12, Midpath), and the inscription on her tombstone reads: "In Memory of Our Mother Margery Porter Born at Middletown, Conn. June, 177[worn] Died at Brooklyn, 1856 Aged 8[worn] years, [worn] months." In the cemetery book there is a burial record, which gives the name as Margaret Porter, the date of burial as 10 Feb. 1856, the place of birth as Middletown, Conn., and the age of the deceased as 80 years, 6 months, 21 days. As the tombstone gives June as the month of her birth, "6 months" must be an error for "7 months," and therefore she was born 18 June 1775.

The grave was further identified by a grandson, John Addison Porter of Brooklyn, who wrote on 24 Mar. 1924: "My grandfather's given name was James and he married Margery Stocking."

Mr. Frank Farnsworth Starr, the well-known genealogist of Middletown, Conn., examined the original records of the Congregational Church of Cromwell, and found this entry which appears to have been overlooked by the compilers of the Stocking genealogies: "1775 July 9, Margery dau. of Zebulon and Martha Stocking, baptised." This corresponds with the dates given on the tombstone and in the burial record of the Margery Stocking who married James Porter.

To the list of five children of Capt. Zebulon and Martha (Edwards) Stocking, given under 11, iii, of Dr. Cornwall's "Family of George Stocking," there should now be added:

6. *Margery*, b. 18 June 1775 and bapt. at Cromwell (then a part of Middletown), Conn., 9 July 1775; d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 8 Feb. 1856; m. at Cromwell (then a part of Middletown), 4 Sept. 1793, James Porter, bapt. at Kensington, Conn., 18 Apr. 1771, son of Gideon and Huldah (Hart) Porter. (Cf. The Descendants of Rev. Thomas Hooker, p. 61.)

The children of James and Margery (Stocking) Porter were:

- i. *Harriet*, b. at Middletown, Conn., 14 Oct. 1794; d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., 17 June 1864; m. at Middletown, 21 Feb. 1813, Edwin Smith (Middletown Congregational Church records), son of Nathaniel and Sarah Smith of West Haven, Conn. Children (surname *Smith*): 1. *Edwin Porter*. 2. *Harriet*. 3. *Caroline B.* 4. *Robert H.*
- ii. *William*, b. 12 Apr. 1801; m. 1 Dec. 1828 Mary A. Armstrong. Children: 1. *George A.* 2. *William*. 3. *Edwin A.* 4. *Harriet E.* 5. *Mary A.* 6. *David C.* 7. *Julia S.* 8. *John Addison.*

*Christ's Church Rectory, Rye, N. Y.*

R. TOWNSEND HENSHAW.

EPITAPHS AT QUADIC, CONN. — The epitaphs given below have been copied from old gravestones in the now disused burial ground at Quadic, a village in the southeastern part of the town of Thompson, Windham Co., Conn., on the Assawogga or Five Mile River, near the Rhode Island border. The village was formerly of much greater importance, but within recent years it has become somewhat decayed. During the Revolution an enterprising firm of local merchants, Messrs. Larned & Mason, finding the maritime transfer of their merchandise a costly matter, decided to build a special carrying ship for themselves. The timber was felled in Thompson woods and cut at the local sawmill, and in a few months a small sloop was built at the shipyard in Quadic. It was then transported in sections to Providence, and was there put together, launched, and named *Harmony*. It traded between Providence and the West Indies, and was a source of much profit to its owners. The name *Quadic*, *Quaddic*, or *Quaddick* is the termination of Pattaquatic or better Pattaquottuck, a word which in the Quinnebaug Indian language is believed to mean "Falls Hill" or "at the round hill."





Mr. Elieazer Bowen died Feb. 14, 1811. Aged 85 years, 4 m. 19 Days.

Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Lydia Bowen Wife of Mr Millard Bowen who died Janry 27, 1813. In her 24th year.

In Memory of Abby-Sophronta Dautr of Mr Leonard Bowen & Mrs Alice his wife who died Novr. 13, 1829. Aged 11 Days.

Mrs. Jane, Wife of Mr Eleazer Bowen, died Oct. 2, 1833 Aged 79 years & 1 mo.

In memory of Mr Leonard Bowen, who died April 20, 1842, Aged 34 years, 11 mo. & 12 days.

In Memory of Simon B. son of Millard & Lucy Bowen, he died Sep. 13, 1842. Aged 10 years & 23 days.

Henry C. Son of Leonard & Lura M. Bowen. died Decr 23 1842. Aged 10 years & 8 Days.

Lydia, daught. of Miller [sic] & Lucy Bowen, died June 30, 1843. Aged 28 yrs. 8 mo's & 18 ds.

In Memory of Wilbur Bowen, who died April 3, 1844, in his 36th year.

Lucy Jane daughter of Millard & Lucy Bowen died April 15, 1848. Aged 19 years, 10 m's. & 19 d's.

In Memory of Mrs Amy, wife of Mr Elisha Bowen She died March 17, 1833, Aged 34 years.

In Memory of Mr Elisha Bowen who died June 31 [sic] 1835. Aged 38 years.

Amasa Bowen, Died Nov. 15, 1850. Aged 39 yrs. 7 mo.

Aimira, daughter of Wilbur & Lura M. Bowen. Died Sept. 11, 1857. Aged 19 yrs, 3 mos.

Eliza Wife of Amasa Bowen died Aug. 30, 1859 Aged 38 y'rs 4 mo.

Wm H. Bowen was killed on the cars near Sharon June 17, 1863 Aged 34 y'rs 11 mo's & 15 days.

[On a large, modern, pyramidal monument are the following inscriptions:]

[Front.] Mr Millard Bowen born Feb. 11, 1784 died Oct. 7, 1852.

[Right side.] Mrs Lydia Wife of Millard Bowen, born Oct. 13, 1789, died Jan. 27, 1813.

[Left side.] Mrs Lucy wife of Millard Bowen. Born Oct. 2, 1795 died June 5, 1857.

In Memory of Miss Blasinath Chillson daugtr of Mr Levi Chillson & Mrs Hannah Chillson of Leicester who died Novr 29. 1810.

In Memory of Jonathan, Son of Mr Thaddeus Convers & Mrs Matilda his wife who died April 18 1811 Aged 10 months & 9 Days.

Matthew Dickens, Died Oct. 9, 1852. Aged 64 years.

Margaret, Wife of George Dickens. Died Jan. 1. 1864. Aged 53 years.

Sacred to the Memory of Mr Stephen Eddy who died May 18th 1815 Aged 70 years.

In Memory of Mrs Mary Graves wife of Mr John Graves who died Feb. 22, 1822. In the 43 year of her age.

Mary Jane Daughter of Norman & Ruth W. Graves, died Feb. 1, 1837. Æ. 8 mo's & 15 ds.

Elizabeth C. Daughter of Norman & Ruth W. Graves, died Sept. 6, 1838, Æ. 1 yr.

Norman Graves, Died Sept. 9, 1838, Aged 27 years & 7 months.

In Memory of Miss Lydia Green Dautr of Mr Amos Green & Mrs Levina his wife who died Octr 30, 1805. In her 19th year.

In Memory of Miss Sally Greene Daugtr of Mr Amos Greene who died August 3rd 1813. In her 19th year.

In Memory of James Son of Mr Ebenezer Greene, & Zilpha his wife. who died April 8th 1819. In his 7th year.

Lydia Greene daughter of Abel & Frelove Greene who died Dec. 7, 1819. Aged 2 years & 10 Mo.

Amos Greene, son of Abel & Frelove Greene who died Jan. 11, 1826. Aged 4 years, & 11 Mo.

Esther B. wife of Jacob Green, Died Sept. 23, 1828. Aged 24.

Sacred to the Memory of Miss Sally Green daughter of Mr Ebenezer Green & Mrs Zilpha his wife. Who died Dec. 11th 1830. in her 18th year.

In Memory of Mr Seth Green who died March 8th 1807 in his 72nd Year. Also Mrs Hannah his wife who died in Bredport in Vermont, March 4th 1814. In her 72nd year.





- Elvira wife of Jacob Green, died June 30, 1834, Aged 23.  
 Chester D. son of Jacob & Elvira Green died Sept. 7, 1834. Aged 3 mo.  
 In Memory of Elizabeth W. daughter of Abel & Freelove Green, who died Jan. 29, 1839, Aged 20 years.  
 In Memory of Mr Amos Green, who died Nov. 22, 1839 Aged 84 Years.  
 In Memory of Lydia A. Greene, daughter of Abel & Freelove Greene, who died Feb. 23, 1843, Aged 14 years & 9 mo.  
 In Memory of Mr Ebenezer Green who died May 11th 1843. Aged 83 years 10 Mon' 23 Days.  
 In Memory of Mrs Hannah, wife of Francis A. Green, who died June 26. 1843. Aged 48 yrs 7 ms & 23 Ds.  
 Mrs Lavina, wife of Amos Green, died Jan. 19, 1845 in her 91st year.  
 Mrs Zilpha Green wife of Mr Ebenezer Green. She died Octr 19. 1849. Aged 72 years 9 m. & 12 d.  
 In Memory of Freelove Green. Wife of Abel Green. She died Aug. 6, 1850. In the 60th year of her age.  
 Francis A. Green died Oct. 26, 1875. Aged 84 yrs 10 Mos & 26 days.  
 In Memory of Mrs Sarah Harwood wife of Mr John Harwood who died Aug. 29, 1809 In her 46th year.  
 In Memory of Miss Nancy Harwood, daugtr of Mr John Harwood, & Mrs Sarah his wife who died Nov. 3. 1810; in her 13 year.  
 Mary C. Wife of Darius P. Higinbotham, Died June 5, 1843. Aged 29. Also an infant son.  
 In Memory of Mr John Luther Jr. who died Septr. 29th 1805. Aet. 23.  
 In Memory of Miss Sally Luther, who died May 5, 1837 in hur [sic] 43 year.  
 In Memory of Miss Huldah Moffit, Born July 14, 1791, Died Oct. 16. 1843, in her 53d year.  
 Lucy W. Wife of Esek Mowry died Dec. 10, 1849, Aet. 39.  
 Celestnia. Daughter of Israel T. & Rebeka C. Randall. died March 28. 1849 Aged 2 yrs, 5 mo. & 26 days.  
 Welcome Son of Mr Welcome Taylor [and] Mrs Betsy his wife Died March 23 1835. Aged 16 years.  
 In Memory of Mr. Welcome Taylor who died Nov. 27, 1846. In his 55th year.  
 In Memory of Israel Tefft Esqr. who died Novr. 17th 1801. In his 40th year.  
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 In Memory of Rosena, daughter of Adolphus & Marther [sic] Thayer who died Jan. 14. 1838. Aged 27 years, 6 mo. & 5 days.  
 Ann M. daughter of Adolphus & Martha Thayer, died Aug. 7, 1846, Aged 20.  
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COSSITT GENEALOGY. — For more than eight years Mr. Frederic Henry White, of 616 South Sierra Bonita Avenue, Pasadena, Calif., has been engaged in collecting and arranging material for a continuation, to the present day, of the history of René Cossitt and his descendants which was compiled and printed in 1879 by Rev. Pearl Steele Cossitt, A.M., Mr. White's uncle. René Cossitt was a Frenchman, who settled in 1717 in that part of Simsbury, Conn., which is now known as Granby. As originally published, the book comprised only 101 descendant families and 442 descendants, and contained little except purely genealogical information. In its new form it will make a large book, in which will be included also historical and biographical details, war records, traditions, and interesting matter concerning the history of the family in France, Canada





and the territory now forming the United States. Out of more than 2000 descendants named in this work nearly seven-eighths are eligible or transmit eligibility for membership in the Colonial and Revolutionary hereditary-patriotic societies. The manuscript of the revised and extended genealogy is practically ready for the printer; but Mr. White still lacks certain data of some of those members of the Godard, Dibble, and Holcomb families who intermarried with members of the Cossitt family, and he will highly appreciate receiving any reliable information about those families which can be sent to him promptly.

**HERALDRY.**—The Committee on Heraldry of the New England Historic Genealogical Society strongly recommends that all coats of arms which can be proved to be authentic be offered for record with this Society. The arrangements for the making and preservation of such records are complete, and the volume of recorded arms has been begun by the entry therein of a number of well-authenticated coats. Printed forms and directions for the making of applications may be obtained from the Committee, and all communications on this subject should be addressed to the Committee on Heraldry, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 9 Ashburton Place, Boston.



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**Banning genealogy.** Genealogical and biographical records of the Banning and allied families. Prepared for Miss Kate Banning. The American Historical Society, Inc., 1924. n. p. facsim. il. pl. por. 4°

**Collier genealogy.** A historical sketch of William Collier. Compiled by Anna C[handler] Kingsbury for William Emery Nickerson. n. p. 1925. Privately printed. 22 p. facsim. 8°

**Dresser genealogy.** The Dresser family in America. Compiled and issued by Charles H. Dresser and Warren S. Dresser, with expert assistance of Prof. Lawrence Brainerd. Hartford, Conn., The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., 1925. 14 p. 8°

**Gilbert genealogy.** The Gilberts of Clare and Colchester [England]. By George Andrews Moriarty. London, Mitchell Hughes & Clarke, 1924. 19 p. 4° Reprinted from *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 1924.

**Glidden genealogy.** The descendants of Charles Glidden of Portsmouth and Exeter, N. H. Compiled by George Walter Chamberlain, edited by Lucia Glidden Strong. Published as a memorial to her father and mother. Boston, Mass., 1925. 420 p. facsim. map pl. por. 8° Address George W. Chamberlain, 29 Hillside Ave., Malden, Mass.

**Harding genealogy.** The Hardings in America. A genealogical register of the descendants of John Harding of England, born A.D., 1567. By Wilber J. Harding. Keystone, Iowa, The Harding Printing Co., 1925. 209 p. pl. por. 8°





**Hatch genealogy.** Genealogy and history of the Hatch family, descendants of Thomas and Grace Hatch of Dorchester, Yarmouth, and Barnstable, Mass. [Part one]. By The Hatch Genealogical Society. [Ogden, Utah, A. L. Scoville Press, 1925.] 4+102 p. geneal. tab. map pl. 8°

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**Sellers genealogy.** Sellers genealogy of Pennsylvania and allied families. By Edwin Jaquett Sellers. Philadelphia, 1925. 58 p. 8° Address Edwin J. Sellers, 1301 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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**Ward genealogy.** The William Ward genealogy, the history of the descendants of William Ward of Sudbury, Mass., 1638-1925. By Charles Martyn. Published by Artemas Ward "of the seventh generation," New York, 1925. 17+749 p. facsim. map pl. por. 8°

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL

**Leland, Dr. George Adams, memoir.** George Adams Leland, 1850-1924. By John W. Farlow. Read at a meeting of the American Laryngological Association, June 3, 1924. n. p. n. d. 8 p. por. 8°

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**Palmer, Mrs. Frances Hunt Johnson, memoir.** Memorial to Frances Hunt Johnson Palmer, 1870-1925, in God's hands. Containing a few of her original poems, and letters of appreciation from her friends, compiled by her husband, William Lincoln Palmer. Privately printed, Boston, Mass., 1925. 68 p. por. 8°

**Harvard College, Class of 1894.** Harvard College, Class of 1894. Thirtieth anniversary report, 1894-1924. Privately printed for the Class. Norwood, Mass., Plimpton Press, 1925. 132 p. facsim. pl. por. 8°

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**Nantucket, County, Island and Town.** The history of Nantucket, County, Island and Town, including genealogies of first settlers. By Alexander Starbuck. Boston, C. E. Goodspeed & Co., 1924. 871 p. facsim. il. map pl. 8° Address C. E. Goodspeed & Co., 9A Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

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**American Antiquarian Society.** Checklist of the portraits in the American Antiquarian Society. By Waldo Lincoln. Worcester, Mass., U. S. A., published by the Society, 1924. 14 p. 8° Reprinted from the Council Report, October, 1923.

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**Society of Sons of the Revolution, New York.** Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York. Regular annual exercises in commemoration of the 193rd birthday of George Washington held in Carnegie Hall, New York, February 23, 1925. Under the auspices of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and other patriotic societies, including an oration "The Washington tradition and our foreign policy." By James M. Beck, Solicitor General of the United States. Published by the Society, 1925. 29 p. il. por. 4°

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## MRS. GEORGE MINOT BAKER

By Mrs. FLORENCE CONANT HOWES of Boston, Mass.

MRS. GEORGE MINOT BAKER (IDA MARION CHASE), of Concord, Mass., a leader among women, a resident member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society since 1914 and a Councillor of the Society in 1920, 1921, and 1922, was born at Malden, Mass., 3 December 1862, the daughter of Henry Fiske and Caroline Sophia (Hopkins) Chase, and died at "Three Acres," her home in Concord, 18 December 1923.

She traced her descent from Aquila<sup>1</sup> Chase, mariner, a well-known settler of Newbury, Mass., whither he came from Hampton, now in New Hampshire, where he and his brother Thomas are found as early as 1640.

The English home and parentage of Aquila<sup>1</sup> Chase have not yet been discovered, although a Chase family having both an Aquila — a name not commonly used — and a Thomas among its members has been found in Chesham, co. Bucks. From Aquila<sup>1</sup> Chase and his wife, Anne (Wheeler), the line descended, through Ensign Moses<sup>2</sup> and Ann (Follansbee), Daniel<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (March), Judge Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Mary (Dudley), Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Silence (Stowe), Samuel<sup>6</sup> and Damaris (Sabin), and George<sup>7</sup> and Clarissa (Cook), to Henry Fiske<sup>8</sup> Chase, who was born at Claremont, N. H., 1 October 1826 and was the father of the subject of this memoir. Mrs. Baker's mother was born at Plainfield, Conn., 11 August 1832, the daughter of John Burgess and Ruth Hart (Sherman) Hopkins.

As a girl, Mrs. Baker attended the public schools in Boston and the high school at Concord, and continued her education as a student in Paris, where she specialized in music. Her talent in this art, both as a pianist and an organist, led her later to the presidency of the Concord Musical Club.

Soon after she returned from study abroad, she became deeply interested in philanthropic and social-betterment work. She was associated with Miss O. M. E. Rowe in the Shawmut Working Girls' Club of Boston, and later, while a resident of New York for several years, she was a voluntary worker in the Jacob A. Riis Settlement,





where she served as secretary and as chairman of the Executive Board and was acting president during Mr. Riis's absence from the city. During this period also she was an officer of the National Society of New England Women, and at one time she was secretary of the Boston Colony of this organization. She was an active member of Sorosis, with which she was long identified.

Before residing in New York Mrs. Baker had lived for some time in Tennessee, where she held office in several women's clubs. This experience seems to have been the opening of her career in such organizations, with which she was ever and increasingly associated up to the time of her death.

On 24 November 1908 she was married to George Minot Baker, who was born at Lincoln, Mass., 24 April 1855, the son of James and Mary (Minot) Baker, and survived his wife by only a few months, his death occurring on 23 April 1924. He is buried beside his wife in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery at Concord.

Probably no woman in the entire country was better known in both club and patriotic circles than Mrs. Baker. She served as director and vice president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, held the office of president of this organization for three years (1919-1921), declining reelection for a fourth term, was a director from Massachusetts in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and had been mentioned as a possible candidate for the presidency of this national association. She was chairman of the committee in charge of the programme for the General Federation Council meeting at Atlanta, Ga., in May 1923, and chairman of the committee that raised the Julia Ward Howe Memorial Fund of Massachusetts, for the purpose of furnishing a room in Mrs. Howe's honor at the General Federation headquarters in Washington.

In patriotic circles Mrs. Baker had been first vice president of the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America, State treasurer for four years and chairman of the Americanization Committee of the Massachusetts Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, State vice regent of this society, 1920-1923, and State regent from April 1923 until her death in the following December, regent for three years of the Old Concord Chapter of this society, a member of its Ex-Regents' Club, a vice president of the Chase-Chace Family Association, and a member of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

In addition to all these activities she was a director in the New England Division of the National Civic Federation, the Woman's Seaman's Friend, the Near East Relief, the Massachusetts Safety Council, the Travelers' Aid Society, the Florence Crittenton League, the State Motion Pictures Committee, the Committee for Reduction of Armament, the Legislative Council of the Boston League of Women Voters, and the Roosevelt Club. She was also an advisory member of the Department of Labor and Industry, the Advisory Council for Women of Amherst Agricultural College, the Welfare Committee of the Children's Hospital, and the Simmons College Endowment Fund. Her name was found also in the membership





rolls of the New England Woman's Club, the Boston Civic Federation, the Music Lovers' Club, and the Boston Women's City Club. In the World War she was a food administrator for Middlesex County, and also served on local committees of national defence and food administration. By appointment of Governor Cox she was a member of the Massachusetts Commission on Higher Education.

The town of Concord, where Mrs. Baker had long resided, profited by her loyalty to its interests and her able leadership. Besides the local organizations already mentioned, she was president of the Concord Woman's Club for four years, a director of the Concord Charitable Society, and president of the Concord Union Bible Society.

In reviewing the scope of Mrs. Baker's activities, one is bewildered by its magnitude, and is led to consider the characteristics of the woman who achieved so much. With unfailing insistence the tributes paid to her at the time of her death accentuate her personal charm, her tactful courtesy, her loyalty to her friends and to the causes that enlisted her support.

In her will, dated 12 April 1923, Mrs. Baker bequeathed all her property of every description, both real and personal, to her husband. In his own will, dated 1 January 1924, Mr. Baker distinguished carefully between the property which he had prior to his wife's decease and that which she left to him in her will. All of his own earlier estate he gave to his brother, James E. Baker, after setting aside \$2,000 in legacies to two faithful employees; and he showed his sympathetic coöperation with his wife's interests in the way in which he disposed of the money bequeathed to him by her. To various relatives and friends of his late wife and to his brother, James E. Baker, he made bequests amounting in all to \$79,000; and he then apportioned \$199,500 among fifteen charitable and educational organizations in which Mrs. Baker had been keenly interested, as follows: to the Boston Floating Hospital, \$30,000; to the Children's Hospital of Boston, \$60,000; to the New England Moral Reform Society, \$7,500; to the Sunshine Repair Shop, \$10,000 — each of these four legacies to be known as the Ida Chase Baker Fund, of which the income only is to be used; to the Massachusetts Society for the University Education of Women, \$7,500, to form the Ida Chase Baker Fund, of which the income only is to be used for scholarships; to Boston University, \$7,500, to be held in memory of the testator's late wife, Ida Chase Baker, "as a part of the permanent endowment fund for the support of a woman dean in the University;" to the Bunker Hill Boys Club of Charlestown, Mass., \$7,500, "to be held in memory of Henry F. Chase as a permanent fund, the income only to be used;" to Dartmouth College, \$7,500, "to be held in memory of Harry L. Chase, as a permanent endowment fund, the income only to be used;" to the Berkeley Infirmary, Inc., \$5,000; to the South End Day Nursery of Boston, \$5,000; to the Infants Hospital of Boston, \$5,000; to the Free Hospital for Women of Brookline, Mass., \$5,000; to the Boston Children's Friend Society, \$5,000 — each of these five legacies to form a per-





manent fund, to be known as the Ida Chase Baker Fund; to the Old Concord Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, \$2,000, to be known as the Ida Chase Baker Fund, of which the income only is to be used; and to the New England Deaconess Association two sums of \$10,000 each, of which the first is to be known as the Henry F. and Caroline S. Chase Fund and the second as the Ida Chase Baker Fund, with a provision that the income only from these two funds is to be used at the Deaconess Hospital in Concord, Mass., and also the sum of \$15,000 as a permanent fund, of which the income only is to be used "for the support of a bed in the Deaconess Hospital in Concord, . . . to be known as the George E. Titcomb Bed." The residue of the estate Mr. Baker bequeathed to his executors, James E. Baker and Henry O. Cushman, with full authority to distribute it according to their best judgment.

Thus, although there are no children to carry on the name and cherish the interests of this noble-hearted woman, Ida Marion Chase Baker will still be a living personality to later generations as well as to her own.

"To think of her is like a lovely garden,  
Where pathways twine and blossoms bloom most fair,  
Where sunshine sends its shafts in radiant splendor,  
Alike upon the simple blooms and rare.

"For everywhere there was a gentle beauty,  
Perhaps sometimes we know the raindrops fell,  
Yet all the clouds were bright with silver linings,  
The sun their darkest shadows to dispel.

"Along the pathway in life's lovely garden,  
Her spirit shines just like a radiant rose,  
And blooms within our hearts a living flower,  
Although her eyes are shut in sweet repose.

"And so to those who came within her smiling,  
A comfort lingers, and we all are blest,  
Because she lived and loved and smiled upon us,  
And God has picked His flower for her rest."\*

\*Lines in Memory of Ida Marion Chase Baker, by Edith Scott Magna, in Year Book of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Massachusetts, 1924-1925.





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## DESCENDANTS OF GOV. JOHN CRANSTON OF RHODE ISLAND

By the late CHARLES ALBERT DuBosq of Philadelphia, Pa.,  
and WILLIAM JONES, A.B., of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

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149. CHARLES EDGAR<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*George McI.*,<sup>7</sup> *William*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), musician, born at Brighton, Mass., 17 July 1862, was living in Chicago, Ill., in 1898. He married in Boston, Mass., 21 June 1894, MARY LOUISE RUTH REUTER, born in Boston 3 Oct. 1866, daughter of George and Elizabeth Reuter.

Child:

- i. GEORGE EDGAR,<sup>9</sup> b. in Boston 19 Dec. 1895.

150. VICTOR G.<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*George McI.*,<sup>7</sup> *William*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Brighton, Mass., 8 Dec. 1872, was living in Chicago, Ill., as late as 1924, according to the city directory. He married in Chicago, 2 Jan. 1895, CECILIA HUNNEBINE.

Child:

- i. CECILIA,<sup>9</sup> b. in Chicago in June 1896.

151. WILLIAM HENRY<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*James*,<sup>7</sup> *James*,<sup>6</sup> *Richmond*,<sup>5</sup> *James*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Norwich, Conn., 21 Feb. 1829, was living at New London, Conn., in 1898. He married at Groton, Conn., 17 Mar. 1850, EUNICE HEMPSTEAD, born at Groton 9 May 1829, daughter of Edward and Fannie Hempstead.

Children:

- i. JAMES H.,<sup>9</sup> b. at Stonington, Conn., 19 Feb. 1851; m. CASSIE NORTHBRIDGE.  
ii. WILLIAM S., b. at Mystic, Conn., 19 Apr. 1852; d. at New London 30 Nov. 1884; m. IMOGENE EARLE.  
iii. CHARLES H., b. at Stonington, Conn., 30 Apr. 1854.  
iv. JOHN E., b. at Mystic, Conn., 15 Dec. 1858.

152. JOSEPH PATTERSON<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Joseph Warren*,<sup>7</sup> *William*,<sup>6</sup> *William*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Holton, Ind., 16 Nov. 1868, was living in Wisconsin as late as 1925. He married at Cincinnati, Ohio, 25 Nov. 1891, JANIE AUSTIN, born in co. Stafford, England, 25 Feb. 1866, daughter of William Stephen and Sarah Austin.

Children, born at Cincinnati:

- i. SADIE RUTH,<sup>9</sup> b. 10 Sept. 1892.  
ii. WARREN AUSTIN, b. 5 Apr. 1895.

153. ALBERT BARTON<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Joseph Warren*,<sup>7</sup> *William*,<sup>6</sup> *William*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Cincinnati, Ohio, 28 July 1873, was living in 1920. He





married at Falmouth, Ky., 17 Oct. 1894, ELIZABETH CELIA TURNER, born at White Oak, Ohio, 29 Oct. 1873, daughter of David and Ellen Turner.

He was first a bookkeeper and stenographer and later a farmer. He lived at Cincinnati and at South Bend, Ind., and on 1 May 1895 moved to Celt, Mo., where he was living in 1898. In 1920 he was at Redondo Beach, Calif.

Children, born at Celt, Mo.:

- i. LOUIS DAVID,<sup>9</sup> b. 9 Dec. 1895.
- ii. A DAUGHTER, living at Los Angeles, Calif., in 1920; m. HAROLD ROSE.

154. GEORGE EDWIN<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Benjamin Tuell,<sup>7</sup> William,<sup>6</sup> Samuel,<sup>5</sup> Samuel,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born at Warren, R. I., 31 July 1825, died at Norwich, Conn., 28 Feb. 1900. He married first, at Providence, R. I., 20 Dec. 1848, CHARLOTTE W. S. DENHAM, born at Newport, R. I., 7 Aug. 1826, died at Norwich 9 Oct. 1888, daughter of Daniel C. and Sarah L. Denham; and secondly, at Norwich, 2 July 1889, MARY ABBY CROMWELL, born at Groton, Conn., 30 Sept. 1834, died at Willimantic, Conn., 7 Nov. 1907.

He was a sailmaker and afterwards a grocer, but was retired from business in his later years. He lived at Warren and Providence, R. I., and at Norwich, Conn.

Children by first wife, born at Providence:

- i. JOHN D.,<sup>9</sup> b. 26 May 1856; living at Norwich in 1925; m. at Norwich, 7 Oct. 1891, HELEN E. SMITH, b. at Norwich 19 Mar. 1857, d. there 1 Sept. 1892. No children.
- ii. JAMES S., b. 4 Mar. 1858; d. at Norwich 8 Sept. 1899; m. at Norwich, 6 Oct. 1880, HANNAH ARNOLD. No children.

155. BENJAMIN TUELL<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Benjamin Tuell,<sup>7</sup> William,<sup>6</sup> Samuel,<sup>5</sup> Samuel,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), book-seller and stationer, born at Warren, R. I., 1 Sept. 1832, died at Norwich, Conn., 19 Mar. 1900. He married at Norwich, 5 Sept. 1853, CORNELIA ANN SAFFORD, born at Canterbury, Conn., 23 Mar. 1834, died at Norwich 20 Dec. 1916, daughter of Morgan and Mary Ann (Hewitt) Safford.

He lived at Providence, R. I., 1851-1864, and afterwards at Norwich.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM BENNETT LAWTON,<sup>9</sup> b. at Providence 17 Mar. 1855; living at Norwich in 1925; m. at Ledyard, Conn., 25 Aug. 1917, JULIA (MORGAN) CHAPMAN, widow of Ira Chapman. No children.
- ii. THOMAS HEWITT, b. at Providence 21 July 1856; d. unm. at Norwich 1 May 1909.
- iii. EDWARD MORGAN SAFFORD, b. at Norwich 29 Nov. 1873; d. 5 Nov. 1874.

156. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Gardiner Eldredge,<sup>7</sup> Thomas,<sup>6</sup> Thomas,<sup>5</sup> Thomas,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born at Mansfield, Conn., 28 June 1837, died at Little Genesee, N. Y., 3 July 1895. He married at Little Genesee, 9 Feb. 1861,





LUCELIA HARRIET MAXSON, born at Little Genesee 22 Aug. 1844, died there 2 June 1899, daughter of Jared and Harriet E. (Burdick) Maxson.

He moved to Little Genesee in 1853, where he was an oil producer. He was an enrolling officer during the Civil War, and was appointed postmaster at Little Genesee in 1894.

Children, born at Little Genesee:

- i. NORMIE,<sup>9</sup> b. 5 Dec. 1861; d. 20 Aug. 1865.
- ii. THADDEUS STEVENS, b. 24 May 1867; living at Sanderson, Tex., in 1924; m. ———. No children.
- iii. BYRON STILLMAN, b. 9 Mar. 1869; living at New London, Ohio, in 1924; m. at Baltimore, Md., 15 Feb. 1892, NICIE M. HULL, b. at Westminster, Md., 7 Jan. 1869, daughter of Eli N. and Martha E. Hull. He is a practising physician, and lived at Rudolph, Ohio, in 1898, before moving to New London.  
Children, b. at Baltimore:
  1. May Belle,<sup>10</sup> b. 21 Apr. 1893; living unm. at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1924.
  2. J. Clyde, b. 11 Feb. 1896; living unm. at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1924.
- iv. CLAUDE MORTON, b. 5 Dec. 1876; living at Tonkawa, Okla., in 1924; m. ———. No children.
- v. WILLIAM ISAAC, b. 1 July 1880; living at Detroit, Mich., in 1924; m. ———. No children.

157. WILLIAM HARRISON<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*William Henry Essex*,<sup>7</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>6</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>5</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Mansfield, Conn., 5 Mar. 1842, died at Corry, Pa., 5 Mar. 1879. He married his first cousin, ALICE V. PROSSER, born 17 Sept. 1845, died at Corry 29 Dec. 1881, daughter of Isaac, Jr., and Cornelia Ann (Crandall) Prosser. She married secondly, in July 1880, Eli Barlow of Corry.

Child, born at Little Genesee, N. Y.:

- i. ALLEN LINCOLN,<sup>9</sup> b. 31 May 1865; living at Bolivar, N. Y., in 1924; m. at Willimantic, Conn., 27 June 1892, INEZ LINCOLN HILL, b. at Willimantic 8 July 1872, living in 1924, daughter of DeWitt Clinton and Augusta Maria (Clark) Hill. He was a telegrapher for five years, and then became a breeder and trainer of horses at Bolivar, N. Y.  
Children, b. at Bolivar:
  1. Allen L.,<sup>10</sup> b. 19 May 1893; d. 6 Jan. 1908.
  2. Alice Augusta, b. 19 Nov. 1894; m. at Bolivar, 14 July 1920, Glen B. Fenner of Alfred, N. Y., where both were living in 1924.
  3. Marjorie Lucille, b. 6 Sept. 1905; living at Bolivar in 1924.
  4. Rosamond, b. 5 May 1909; d. 11 Mar. 1911.

158. GEORGE MALTBY<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Barzillai K.*,<sup>7</sup> *John*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Lockport, Pa., 14 Oct. 1850, was living at Painesville, Ohio, in 1924. He married at Geneva, Ohio, 24 Dec. 1884, ANNA (BISSELL) CONE, born at North Bloomfield, Ohio, 14 Dec. 1853, daughter of Charles Bissell and widow of Gilbert Cone.

Child, born at Painesville:

- i. GRACE MARIE,<sup>9</sup> b. 20 Dec. 1895.  
Perhaps others.





159. HENRY J.<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*John Clemmons*,<sup>7</sup> *John*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), farmer, born at Sheridan, N. Y., 21 May 1840, died there 23 Jan. 1904. He married at Sheridan, 23 Feb. 1865, ELMIRA SNOW, born at Sheridan 3 Dec. 1841, died there 14 Nov. 1883, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Rice) Snow.

He held the office of town supervisor of Sheridan.

Children, born at Sheridan:

- i. JOHN SAMUEL,<sup>9</sup> b. 18 Nov. 1865; living at Newton, Mass., in 1925; m. (1) at Roxbury, Va., 11 July 1889, ALICE E. BEARDSSELL, b. at Sheridan 2 Dec. 1866, d. at Wakefield, Mass., 6 May 1913, daughter of William James and Harriet (Herrick) Beardsell; m. (2) at Wollaston, Mass., 13 Apr. 1918, AGNES (TAYLOR) BACHE, widow, b. in Boston 3 July 1874, living in 1925, daughter of Lot W. and Sarah S. Taylor.  
Children by first wife:
  1. *Harriet Elmira*,<sup>10</sup> b. at Cambridge, Mass., 4 Aug. 1891; living in 1925; m. 29 Sept. 1921 Arthur C. K. Hallock, son of Olin and Caroline B. Hallock. No children.
  2. *Arnold Beardsell*, A.B. (Harvard, 1919, war degree), b. at Weston, Mass., 12 July 1896; living unm. in 1925.
- ii. CHARLES HENRY, b. 17 July 1868; living in 1925; m. at Silver Creek, N. Y., 13 July 1889, CLARA BELLE TAMBLING, b. at Marlborough, Conn., 21 Dec. 1867, living in 1925, daughter of Robert and Phedora Tambling. He is employed by the American Locomotive Company at Dunkirk, N. Y.  
Child:
  1. *Floy A.*,<sup>10</sup> b. at Silver Creek 7 Oct. 1890.
- iii. LEWIS S., b. 8 Dec. 1872; d. at Brookline, Mass., 29 Oct. 1918; m. 8 Apr. 1907 LADORA L. LOWELL, b. at Charlestown, Mass., 14 Feb. 1870, daughter of Joseph Q. and Metilla Lowell. No children.
- iv. FRANCIS R., b. 16 Oct. 1874; d. 3 Jan. 1876.
- v. GLENNIE M., b. 12 Nov. 1876; living unm. in Boston, Mass., in 1925.
- vi. HENRY, b. 30 Nov. 1879; living at Fredonia, N. Y., in 1925; m. at Fredonia, 17 Sept. 1907, LOTTIE MAY DOUGLASS, b. at Dunkirk, N. Y., 27 Mar. 1885, living in 1925, daughter of Hiram and Ella Douglass.  
Children, b. at Allegany, N. Y.:
  1. *Howard H.*,<sup>10</sup> b. 2 Mar. 1909.
  2. *Myra Ella*, b. 18 June 1914; d. 30 June 1914.
- vii. ELMIRA, b. 2 May 1881; d. 2 Sept. 881.

160. GEORGE W.<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*John Clemmons*,<sup>7</sup> *John*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Sheridan, N. Y., 22 Dec. 1842, died at Fredonia, N. Y. He married MARY HASKIN.

Children:

- i. MELISSA.<sup>9</sup>
- ii. MARY.

161. ALBERT D.<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Samuel J.*,<sup>7</sup> *John*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Deposit, Broome Co., N. Y., 2 Dec. 1856, died at Brocton, N. Y., in 1907. He married, probably at Fredonia, N. Y., 26 Dec. 1881, LAURA EUGENIA CARR, born at Westfield, N. Y., 11 Feb. 1859, daughter of John W. and Clarinda Carr.





## Children:

- i. LEE A.,<sup>9</sup> b. at Fredonia 5 Sept. 1883.
- ii. FLOYD H., b. at Fredonia 8 Apr. 1885; m. at Sheridan, N. Y., 8 Nov. 1908, ANNA MARIA TODT, b. at Sheridan 25 Aug. 1878, daughter of Carl and Maria (Wollert) Todt.  
Children:
  - 1. Laura M.,<sup>10</sup> b. at Sheridan 7 May 1910.
  - 2. Wreatha A., b. at Sheridan 22 Aug. 1911.
  - 3. Albert F., b. at Dunkirk, N. Y., 14 Nov. 1917.
  - 4. Paul C., b. at Arkwright, N. Y., 30 June 1919.
- iii. CLAUDE J., b. at Westfield 12 June 1892; m. at Fredonia, 17 July 1915, HELEN MARY TURK, b. at Stockton, N. Y., 12 Mar. 1898, daughter of Ormond J. and Mary (Wallace) Turk.  
Children:
  - 1. Louis Sidney,<sup>10</sup> b. at Dunkirk, N. Y., 21 Oct. 1916.
  - 2. Kenneth Earl, b. at Brocton 28 Mar. 1921.
  - 3. Lucille Helen, b. at Brocton 29 Jan. 1925.
- iv. ALBERT E., b. at Brocton 7 Mar. 1894; m. at Portland, N. Y., 26 Mar. 1919, HAZEL ESTHER WALKER, b. at Portland 22 Oct. 1887, daughter of Allen J. and Dora (Hardenburg) Walker.  
Child:
  - 1. Allen Berton,<sup>10</sup> b. at Portland 8 Aug. 1921.
- v. SARA C., b. at Brocton 19 Apr. 1898; m. 17 Dec. 1925 LESLIE E. PATRICK, b. at Decatur, Ill., 24 Feb. 1901, son of Alvin Patrick. Residence, Washington, D. C.

162. FRANK HILL<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Francis Augustus*,<sup>7</sup> *Barzillai*,<sup>6</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Providence, R. I., 17 Oct. 1870, was living there in 1925. He married at Baltimore, Md., 26 Apr. 1906, ETHEL PIERCE SLOCUM, born at Baltimore 11 Oct. 1886, died at Providence 5 May 1915, daughter of George W. and Emma (Pierce) Slocum.

He was educated in the public schools, entered the employ of the City Savings Bank of Providence, as a bookkeeper, where he remained a number of years, and then studied law. Later he assisted his father in the management of their private business. He is the present owner of Gov. Samuel<sup>2</sup> Cranston's original patent of arms (see REGISTER, vol. 79, p. 59), which is now on deposit in the vaults of the Rhode Island Historical Society, in Providence.

## Child:

- i. BEATRICE,<sup>9</sup> b. at Providence 21 Mar. 1907; d. 2 May 1907.

163. DORR<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*George Andrew*,<sup>7</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born near Newton, Ohio, died at Newton. He married at Olathe, Kans., FRANCES McCLEARY, daughter of Moses and Margaret (Perry) McCleary.

## Children:

- i. TERMA,<sup>9</sup> b. at Gardner, Kans.
  - ii. THOMAS, b. at Olathe, Kans.
  - iii. ANNIE,
  - iv. MARY,
  - v. CLARK,
- } b. at De Soto, Kans.





164. JOSEPH WARREN<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*John Douglass,<sup>7</sup> Stephen,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born near Woodstock, Ohio, 31 Mar. 1856, was living in 1925, his residence being at Waterloo, Iowa. He married at Urbana, Ohio, 24 Nov. 1880, ELLA MARCH McILROY, born two miles south from Woodstock 8 Mar. 1859, died at Waterloo 19 Dec. 1921, daughter of John and Clarriet (Kimball) McIlroy.

He was formerly a farmer, but in 1925 was a dealer in nursery stock and was staying temporarily at Topeka, Kans.

Children, born at North Lewisburg, Ohio:

- i. EDWIN,<sup>9</sup> b. 30 Mar. 1884; living unm. at Topeka in 1925.
- ii. ROBERT, b. 29 Jan. 1891; living at Wesleyville, Pa., in 1925; m. at Waterloo, 1 Oct. 1911, LESLIE RANDALL EVERLY, b. at Peoria, Ill., 17 Dec. 1892, living in 1925, daughter of LeRoy and Florence Delia (Elle) Everly. No children.

165. WALTER HARTWRIGHT<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*John Douglass,<sup>7</sup> Stephen,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born near Woodstock, Ohio, 16 July 1860, was living at San Diego, Calif., in 1925. He married at Fountain Park, Ohio, 29 Sept. 1880, LORA OCTAVIA SMITH, born at Fountain Park 29 Sept. 1860, living in 1925, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Delilah (Inkeep) Smith.

He was formerly a farmer, but is now engaged in business as a contractor and builder.

Child:

- i. HARRY DOW,<sup>9</sup> b. at Woodstock 14 May 1885; living at Manila, P. I., in 1925; m. at Manila, 19 June 1915, HELEN WILLOUGHBY CLARKE of Schenectady, N. Y. He is an electrical engineer, and is now in Manila as a major, Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A.  
Children, b. at Manila:
  1. Harry Dow,<sup>10</sup> b. 6 Apr. 1916.
  2. William Leslie, b. 24 Aug. 1918.

166. CHARLES TOBEY<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*John Douglass,<sup>7</sup> Stephen,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born near Woodstock, Ohio, 20 Nov. 1867, was living there in 1925. He married at Woodstock, 17 Oct. 1889, LOVIA MAUD RILEY, born at Covington, Ohio, 25 Mar. 1870, living in 1925, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Ann (Barnhart) Riley.

He was formerly a farmer and dairy keeper, but is now manager of the grain elevator at Woodstock.

Children, born at Woodstock:

- i. HUBERT EARL,<sup>9</sup> b. 7 May 1891.
- ii. LEW WALLACE, b. 12 June 1893; living at Portland, Oreg., in 1924; m. at Portland, 29 July 1919, GEORGIA MARGARET MAYER, b. at Silver Lake, Wash., 5 Dec. 1900, living in 1924, daughter of George and Rose Mayer.

167. WILLIAM EMER<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*James,<sup>7</sup> Stephen,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born at Newton (now Raymonds), Ohio, 26 May 1867, was living at Haddon Heights, N. J., in 1925. He married in Philadelphia, Pa., 2 Feb. 1901, MARY S. GALLAGHER, born in Philadelphia 25





Aug. 1870, living in 1925, daughter of Austin and Mary Gallagher.

He is a merchandise broker in Philadelphia, and has been president of the Board of Education at Haddon Heights for the past thirteen years.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM EMER,<sup>9</sup> b. in Philadelphia 2 June 1902. He is now a student at Yale University.
- ii. PAUL FORD, b. at Haddon Heights 12 Jan. 1905.
- iii. EDWARD, b. at Haddon Heights 11 Nov. 1909.

168. HARRY FLOY<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*James,<sup>7</sup> Stephen,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born at Somerville, Ohio, 16 Mar. 1875, was living at Newark, Ohio, in 1925. He married at Ironton, Ohio, in 1909, GRACE MILLER.

Children, born probably at Newark:

- i. HAL STANLEY,<sup>9</sup> b. 23 Oct. 1909.
- ii. CATHERINE, d. in infancy.
- iii. PEGGY, b. 3 Sept. 1915.

169. LESLIE ATWOOD<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Julius,<sup>7</sup> Stephen,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), A.B. (Antioch College, 1887), born at East Bend Township, Ill., 17 Jan. 1861, was living at Duquoin, Ill., in 1924. He married at Hutchinson, Kans., 24 Jan. 1889, LILLIAN HOPE WOODS MAURY, born at Prairie City, Ill., 27 Oct. 1866, living in 1925, daughter of John and Kate F. Maury.

He was educated at Purdue University, Adrian College, and Antioch College, is an attorney at law, and has served as county prosecutor of Ford County, Ill., for a number of years past. He lived at various times at Xenia, Ohio, Albany, N. Y., and Gibson City, Ill., before removing to his present residence.

Children:

- i. DONALD JULIUS,<sup>9</sup> b. at Xenia 5 Feb. 1893; living in Chicago, Ill., in 1925. He served in the World War as a first lieutenant, Eighth Regiment of Field Artillery, Seventh Division, American Expeditionary Forces, and was one year overseas.
- ii. KENNETH MAURY, b. at Gibson City 2 Aug. 1900; d. there 21 Apr. 1901.
- iii. JEAN EDWIN, b. at Gibson City, 19 July 1904. He is now (1925) a student at the University of Illinois.

170. STEPHEN CLIVE<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Julius,<sup>7</sup> Stephen,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born in Dix Township, Ill., 29 June 1877, was living at Carlisle, Ark., in 1924. He married in Dix Township, 10 Sept. 1902, EMMA J. STONE, born at Shirley, Ill., 15 Jan. 1877, daughter of Frank and Sarah Stone.

He moved after 1913 to Carlisle, where he is a rice planter.

Children:

- i. BERNICE HOPE,<sup>9</sup> b. in Sullivan Township, Ill., 2 Mar. 1904.
- ii. VERA JEANETTE, b. in Oakwood Township, Ill., 10 May 1906.
- iii. EDITH JEWELL, b. in Hazen Township, Ark., 19 Feb. 1913.





171. ORMEL ALEXANDER<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Stephen*,<sup>7</sup> *Stephen*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Raymonds, Ohio, 16 Mar. 1868, was living at Los Angeles, Calif., in 1925. He married at Sydney, Ohio, 26 Jan. 1896, NOVA HELENE GRAY, born at Cable, Ohio, 14 June 1877, living in 1925, daughter of James Madison and Margaret Ellen (Harvey) Gray.

He engaged in mercantile pursuits, and has lived at Raymonds, Rushsylvania, and North Lewisburg, Ohio, and at Los Angeles, Calif.

Children, born at North Lewisburg:

- i. JAMES STEPHEN,<sup>9</sup> b. 24 Nov. 1896; d. 9 Sept. 1897.
- ii. DAYNE CARROLL, b. 31 Dec. 1897; living at Los Angeles in 1925.
- iii. STEPHEN MERLE, b. 10 Dec. 1908; d. at Fort Lupton, Colo., 10 Mar. 1910.

172. REV. WALTER FRENCH<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Peleg*,<sup>7</sup> *John Bradford*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Woodstock, Ohio, 25 July 1856. He married at Brandon, Ohio, 27 Sept. 1876, IDA MARRITA VIGOR, born at Jersey, Ohio, 25 Aug. 1856, living at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1924, daughter of Henry and Joanna (Cary) Vigor.

He was engaged in the mercantile business for five years, was an agent for the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway for five years, and in 1888 entered the ministry of the Baptist Church. He lived at Broadway, Ohio, until 1876, West Middleburg, Ohio, 1878, North Lewisburg, Ohio, 1880, Osakis, Minn., 1882, Osseo, Minn., 1883, Long Lake, Minn., 1884, Portland, N. Dak., 1886, Broadway, Ohio, 1890, East Troy, Pa., 1892, and Harrisburg, Pa., 1894. Very little is known of him since he left Harrisburg, as his family has lost track of him.

Children:

- i. UNA MARY,<sup>9</sup> b. at West Middleburg, Ohio, 25 July 1877; m. at Harrisburg, Pa., 18 Oct. 1905, REV. ANDREW B. WOOD of Dover, Del.

Child (surname Wood):

1. Arthur Cranston, b. at Baltimore, Md., 13 Nov. 1906.
- ii. GEORGIA MARRITTA, b. at North Lewisburg, Ohio, 25 Nov. 1879; living unm. at Riverton, N. J., in 1926.
- iii. JOHN PELEG, b. at Osseo, Minn., 24 June 1882; living at Bryn Mawr, Pa., in 1926; m. at Middletown, Pa., BLANCHE BENNER, b. at Middletown 31 Aug. 1884, living in 1926, daughter of J. G. and Martha (Haines) Benner. He was first employed as an accountant by the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Steelton, Pa.; then he was treasurer of the Bateman Manufacturing Company at Grenloch, N. J.; then he was general sales manager of the Vim Motor Company in Philadelphia, Pa.; and now he is president of the Acceptance and Finance Corporation of Philadelphia.

Children, all living in 1926:

1. Martha Benner,<sup>10</sup> b. at Middletown 11 Aug. 1906.
2. John Peleg, b. at Holly, Mich., 24 May 1913.
3. Mary Jane, b. in Philadelphia 26 Mar. 1917.
4. Ellen Virginia, b. at Bryn Mawr 2 Apr. 1920.





- iv. FLORENCE LILLIAN, b. at Long Lake, Minn., 29 May 1884; living at Oak Lane, Pa., in 1926; m. at Harrisburg, Pa., 6 June 1905, RALPH C. BARLEY, b. at Mountville, Pa., 4 May 1881, living in 1926, son of J. Frank and Mary (Curran) Barley.  
Children (surname *Barley*), all living in 1924:
  - 1. *Carl Frederick*, b. at Harrisburg 12 July 1906.
  - 2. *Mildred Rosalind*, b. at Harrisburg 15 Jan. 1908.
  - 3. *Ralph C.*, b. at Middletown, Pa., 21 Aug. 1917.
- v. HENRY VIGOR, b. at Broadway, Ohio, 13 Dec. 1889; living at Cheshire, Conn., in 1926; m. at Cheshire, 16 Oct. 1920, FLORENCE EILERS, b. at Lockport, N. Y., 23 Dec. 1898, living in 1924. In the World War he went to France with the Young Men's Christian Association 25 June 1917, left that organization 12 Nov. 1917, to enlist in the Navy, was commissioned ensign, United States Naval Reserve Force, 10 Aug. 1918, and was discharged 9 Apr. 1919. All his service was with the Navy Overseas Transportation.  
Children:
  - 1. *Phyllis*,<sup>10</sup> b. at New Haven, Conn., 21 Sept. 1921.
  - 2. *Henry Vigor*, b. at Cheshire, Conn., 15 Apr. 1924; d. there in May, 1924.
- vi. INES MILDRED, b. at East Troy, Pa., 25 Dec. 1892; living at Riverton, N. J., in 1926; m. at Harrisburg, Pa., 25 June 1914, WILLIS WARREN SMITH, b. at Buckingham, Pa., 7 Jan. 1889, living in 1924, son of Charles J. and Marcy (Lovett) Smith.  
Children (surname *Smith*):
  - 1. *William Greist*, b. at Harrisburg 7 Apr. 1915.
  - 2. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. at Harrisburg 22 Feb. 1917.
  - 3. *Vigor Cranston*, b. at Riverton 5 Oct. 1921.
- vii. WALTER EDWARDS, b. at Harrisburg, Pa., 4 Aug. 1894; d. there 2 Feb. 1895.

173. CLARENCE<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*John Bradford*,<sup>7</sup> *John Bradford*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Woodstock, Ohio, 8 Dec. 1851, was living at Dewey, Okla., in 1924. He married at Henrietta, N. Y., 2 Feb. 1882, MARY ELIZABETH TITUS, born at Henrietta 3 Sept. 1858, died at Chicago, Ill., 9 Sept. 1921, daughter of Benjamin F. and Maria A. (Beebe) Titus.

He became a lawyer, and then engaged in the publishing and newspaper business. He moved first to Milford Centre, Ohio, in 1879 to Topeka, Kans., in 1883 to Osakis, Minn., in 1886 to Mayville, N. Dak., in 1895 to Fargo, N. Dak., and in 1897 to Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Children:

- i. EARL TITUS,<sup>9</sup> b. at Osakis 23 Dec. 1883; m. at Springfield, Mo., CORA ROCKWELL. Both were living at Elk City, Okla., in 1924.
- ii. PAUL EMERSON, b. at Osakis 8 Apr. 1885; m. at Los Angeles, Calif., in 1916, DORIS STEWART. Both were living at Los Angeles in 1924.
- iii. LILLIAN OTA, b. at Portland, N. Dak., 9 June 1887; d. at Mayville, N. Dak., 16 Aug. 1893.
- iv. WILLIAM MCKINLEY, b. at Mayville 5 Aug. 1896; living at Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1924; m. at Seattle, Wash., in June 1923, ELEANOR DONNELLY. He was graduated at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., in 1921, and in 1924 was in the Navy and was stationed at Honolulu.

174. JOHN BRADFORD<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*John Bradford*,<sup>7</sup> *John Bradford*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at





Marysville, Ohio, 23 Sept. 1862, was living at Piqua, Ohio, in 1924. He married at Milford Centre, Ohio, 29 Nov. 1884, MARY ERB, born at Milford Centre 25 Oct. 1859, died at Piqua 24 May 1910, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Prior) Erb.

He was a merchant and then a travelling salesman. He was postmaster at Milford Centre in the administration of President Harrison, and lived there until 1894, when he moved to Urbana, Ohio, where he lived until he moved to Piqua.

Children:

- i. JOHN LOREN,<sup>9</sup> b. at Milford Centre 6 Sept. 1885; living in Boston, Mass., in 1924; m. LOLA M. ———.  
Child:  
1. *John Fisher*,<sup>10</sup> b. at Piqua 17 Oct. 1913.
- ii. EDITH MARIE, b. at Milford Centre 1 Mar. 1888; living at Piqua in 1924; m. ——— LANE.
- iii. RALPH EDGAR, b. at Milford Centre 15 Feb. 1893; living at Detroit, Mich., in 1924; m. at Detroit, 12 Oct. 1922, GLADYS IRENE STEVENSON, b. at Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, 2 May 1899, daughter of Joshua and Jennie Stevenson. He served in the World War, enlisting as a private in the United States Army 31 July 1917 and being discharged as a first lieutenant 28 Oct. 1919.
- iv. DOROTHY LOUISE, b. at Piqua 19 Aug. 1901; living there unm. in 1924.

175. FRED WINFIELD<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Lucius*,<sup>7</sup> *John Bradford*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born on the "Oak Grove Farm," near Woodstock, Ohio, 29 July 1866, was living at Los Angeles, Calif., in 1924. He married at Woodstock, 17 Feb. 1887, MATTIE LOUISA REED, born at Texas, Ill., 23 Oct. 1868, living in 1924, daughter of James and Sarah Elizabeth (Jones) Reed.

He was originally a farmer, then a teacher, and then a dealer in agricultural implements, and he is now a builder of homes in Los Angeles. He has lived at various times at Woodstock, Prospect, and Kingston, Ohio, and at Little Rock, Ark., and in 1924 he removed to Los Angeles.

Children, born at Woodstock:

- i. FLOSS SARAH,<sup>9</sup> b. 9 Mar. 1889; d. at Woodstock 13 Sept. 1890.
- ii. FERN JEANETTE, b. 16 Jan. 1892; m. at Beebe, Ark., 31 Jan. 1909, OTHA L. ROGERS, who d. at Little Rock, Ark., 23 Aug. 1918, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Jackson) Rogers.  
Children (surname *Rogers*):  
1. *Fred Otha*, b. at Woodstock 13 Jan. 1911.  
2. *Benjamin Reed*, b. at Los Angeles 28 May 1912.  
3. *Flora La Delle*, b. at Beebe 24 Nov. 1916; d. there 26 Jan. 1917.
- iii. PAUL VINCENT, b. 2 Aug. 1903.

176. PERL ZALMON<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Lucius*,<sup>7</sup> *John Bradford*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Peleg*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born on the "Oak Grove Farm," near Woodstock, Ohio, 25 Nov. 1871, was living at Beebe, Ark., in 1924. He married at Woodstock, 25 Dec. 1893, GERTRUDE INKEEP, born at North Lewisburg,





Ohio, 1 Aug. 1875, living in 1924, daughter of James and Mary A. (Irwin) Inkeep.

He was first a farmer and a dealer in agricultural implements; of late years he has been a carpenter contractor. He has resided at Woodstock, Prospect, and Kingston, Ohio, and at Beebe, Ark.

Children, born at Woodstock:

- i. PERL HOUSTON,<sup>9</sup> b. 6 Aug. 1895; m. 14 June 1919 MINNIE DEE McCORD, b. at Bunkerhill, Kans., 29 Dec. 1894, d. 23 July 1922, daughter of J. B. McCord. No children.
- ii. LUCIUS JAMES, b. 23 July 1898; m. 15 June 1919 EUNICE CORA PARISH, b. in Missouri.  
Children:
  1. Andrew Jackson,<sup>10</sup> b. 8 Nov. 1920.
  2. Dorothy Marie, b. 10 Aug. 1921.
- iii. HAROLD R., b. 9 May 1904; d. at Woodstock 8 Sept. 1907.
- iv. RALPH I., b. 30 June 1906.

177. CHARLES KNOX<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Warren,<sup>7</sup> Ephraim,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), born in the Waldo Hills, Oreg., 24 Sept. 1863, was living at Pendleton, Oreg., in 1924. He married first, at Portland, Oreg., 25 Oct. 1887, LULA A. HINES, born at Vancouver, Wash., 3 Oct. 1864, died about 1905, daughter of Harvey K. and Elizabeth (Graves) Hines; and secondly ———.

He lived on the home farm in Marion Co., Oreg., until 1884 and then at Portland until 1886, when he removed to Pendleton. He was employed in banks, being successively a clerk in the First National Bank of East Portland, Oreg., assistant cashier of the Portland Savings Bank, and accountant in the First National Bank of Pendleton. He served as second lieutenant, first lieutenant, and captain in the Oregon National Guard, from which he resigned in Feb. 1896.

Child by first wife:

- i. HELEN ELIZABETH,<sup>9</sup> b. at Pendleton 23 Dec. 1888.  
Perhaps others.

178. JOHN FREMONT<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Hon. Samuel Bradford,<sup>7</sup> Ephraim,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), farmer and stock raiser, born in Lane Co., Oreg., 15 Sept. 1856, died there 8 Jan. 1885. He married at Bonanza, Oreg., 1 Jan. 1879, ALICE KINNEY, born in Yamhill Co., Oreg., 11 June 1863, died at Redlands, Calif., in Aug. 1889, daughter of Andrew Kinney.

Children:

- i. LAURA MAY,<sup>9</sup> b. at Scott Valley, Calif., 13 Feb. 1882; d. at Linkville (now Klamath Falls), Oreg., 3 Apr. 1883.
- ii. OSBERT FREMONT, b. at Linkville (now Klamath Falls), Oreg., 13 Sept. 1883.

179. HERBERT BOWEN<sup>8</sup> CRANSTON (*Edwards Pearle,<sup>7</sup> Ephraim,<sup>6</sup> John,<sup>5</sup> Peleg,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Gov. Samuel,<sup>2</sup> Gov. John<sup>1</sup>*), farmer and stock raiser, born at Auburn, Oreg., 21 Dec. 1864, died at Baker City, Oreg., 27 June 1910. He married first, at





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REV. WILLIAM COPLEY WINSLOW, D.D., LL.D.

By Rev. ARTHUR WENTWORTH HAMILTON EATON, M.A., D.C.L.,  
of Boston, Mass.

WILLIAM COPLEY WINSLOW, clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, author of wide repute, scholar distinguished during many years for his untiring interest in the field of Egyptian archæology, a resident member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society since 1883, died at his home, 525 Beacon Street, Boston, 2 February 1925. He was born at 3 Mount Vernon Place, Boston, 13 January 1840, and his life therefore covered a period of a little over eighty-five years.

He was sixth in descent from Kenelm<sup>1</sup> Winslow of the Plymouth Colony, who was baptized at Droitwich, Worcestershire, England, 3 May 1599, and died at Salem, Mass., 13 September 1672, a brother of Gov. Edward Winslow of Plymouth, his line of descent being traced through Kenelm<sup>2</sup> Winslow (1635-1715) of Yarmouth and Harwich, Mass., Dea. John<sup>3</sup> (1701-1755) of Rochester, Mass., Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> (1730-1778) of Salisbury, Conn., Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> (1761-1831) of Salisbury, Conn., and Williston, Vt., and Rev. Hubbard<sup>6</sup> Winslow, B.A. (Yale, 1825), M.A. (*ib.*, 1828), D.D. (Hamilton College, 1858), his father. Rev. Hubbard Winslow, widely known as an author and educator and as the successor in 1832 of Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher in the pastorate of the Bowdoin Street Congregational Church in Boston, was born at Williston, Vt., 24 October 1799, and died there 13 August 1864. His wife was Susan Ward Cutler, born in Boston 27 March 1803, daughter of Joseph and Phœbe (Ward) Cutler of West Brookfield, Mass., who numbered among her ancestors the Hobbys, Colmans, and Pembertons of early Boston.

William Copley Winslow's preparation for college was obtained at the Boston Latin School and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass.; but, instead of going to a New England college, he entered Hobart College, at Geneva, N. Y., and then Hamilton College, at Clinton, N. Y., and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Hamilton in 1862, his father at the time of his matriculation being pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Geneva.





In his college days he had been an editor of the students' publication, *The Hamiltonian*, and also of the *University Quarterly*, an inter-collegiate review which he, Joseph Cook, William G. Sumner, and others had established. After graduating he was for a short time on the staff of the *New York World*, and then was associate editor, with Rev. Dr. Tyng, of *The Christian Times*. He continued until his later years to be a prolific writer for newspapers and magazines, and his journalistic work won for him, in 1865, when he was only twenty-five years old, the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Hobart College. During this period he was a student at the General Theological Seminary, Chelsea Square, New York City, where he was graduated in 1865 and where in the same year he was ordained to the diaconate of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1867 he was raised to the priesthood; but between his two ordinations he spent several months, in 1866, in Italy, studying archæology and ancient sculpture. After he returned to the United States he lectured and wrote on these subjects for some time. From June 1867 to October 1870 he was rector of St. George's Church, at Lee, Mass., but in the latter year he removed to Boston and began to employ his energies largely in the field of historical and archæological research. He was, however, for several years thereafter (1878-1882), chaplain of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents in Boston, had temporary charge of various Protestant Episcopal churches in Massachusetts, and was actively interested in the Free Church Association in that State, which he served as secretary. Other societies which claimed his interest and co-operation were the Webster Historical Society, the Institute of Civics, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Bostonian Society, the American Statistical Association, the Archæological Institute of America, the American Oriental Society, and the Appalachian Mountain Club; and his fame as a scholar and writer brought to him honorary membership in numerous State and local historical societies and in various Canadian societies. He was made also an honorary fellow of the Royal Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, a corresponding member of the British Archæological Association, an honorary correspondent of the Victoria Institute, an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences, and a fellow of the Society of Oriental Research and of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

In 1880 Dr. Winslow spent four months of study in Egypt and Syria, and in Egypt he saw the obelisk lowered at Alexandria that stands now in New York. It was in connection with the Egypt Exploration Fund, of which he founded the American branch in 1883 and of which he became successively honorary treasurer and secretary and vice president for the United States, that Dr. Winslow did his most important work and earned his greatest honors in the field of archæology. Through his efforts, direct and indirect, probably as much as two hundred thousand dollars was raised for Egyptian exploration and research. At a general meeting of the Egypt Exploration Fund in London, in July 1886, at which Hon. Edward J. Phelps, the United States minister, spoke, Miss Amelia B. Edwards stated that "with the one single exception of the late Sir Erasmus





town. He was a member of the Massachusetts General Court from the District of Maine and a delegate from Georgetown to the Constitutional Convention that met in Portland, Me., in 1819.

The children of Benjamin and Ruth (Pearl) Riggs, all born at Georgetown, were: 1. Mary, b. 8 June 1783; d. 18 June 1832. 2. James, b. 5 Jan. 1785; d. 7 Oct. 1866. 3. Sarah, b. 17 Sept. 1787; d. 2 Mar. 1866. 4. Betsey, b. 14 Mar. 1790. 5. Alice, b. 29 Jan. 1793; d. 12 Apr. 1874. 6. Moses, b. 18 June 1795; d. 3 May 1886. 7. Nancy L., b. 12 Sept. 1798. 8. Susan, b. 9 Sept. 1801. 9. Warner, b. 17 Apr. 1804. 10. Benjamin F., b. 4 Nov. 1805. 11. Eliza J., b. 2 June 1809.

In preparing these records for publication the spelling and capitalization of the original manuscript have been followed, but superior letters have been placed on the line and marks of punctuation have been inserted or changed in conformity with the standards of the present day. After the record of the fifty-sixth marriage two or three cases of assault and other violations of the laws, which came before Mr. Riggs as a justice of the peace, are entered; but these cases have been omitted in the printed copy.

#### A RECORD OF MARRIAGES BY BENJAMIN RIGGS ESQUIRE

first Marriage. Mr. John Savage of Woolwich to Sarah Oliver of Georgetown, May 16th, 1808. Returned.

Second marriage. Mr. Isiah Mars to Mercy Oliver, both of Georgetown, May 16th, 1808. Returned.

Third marriage. Mr. Gilbert Heal to Mehetable Hinkley, Both of Georgetown, August 11th, 1808. Returned Feb. 28, 1811.

Fourth Marriage. Mr. Zacheus Traphton to Lydia Oliver, both of this town of Georgetown, June 29th, 1809. Returned.

5 Marriage. Mr. Adoniram St Clair of Lisbon to Mrs. Jane Young of Georgetown, March 8th, A.D. 1810. Returned Feby. 28, 1811.

6th. Marriage of Mr. Joseph Fogg of Drisden and Mrs. Jane Shea of Pittstown, December 19th, 1811.

7th Marriage. Mr. James Riggs and Mrs. Jane Campell, both of Georgetown, Feby. 6th, 1812.

8th Marriage. Mr. Samuel McFadden To Mrs. Matha Gott, both of Georgetown, Feby. 20th, 1812.

9th. Marriage of Mr. Eathan Steevens of Reedfield, K B County, To Miss Mary Lynnan of Georgetown, 4th June 1812.

10th. Marriage of Wm. Hall of Georgetown, County Lincoln, to Miss Eleanor Hagan of Georgetown, Said County, Sept. 2d, A.D. 1812.

11th. Marriage of Mr. Stephen Mariner of the Town of Lincornville & Miss Catharine Heal of Said town & County Lincoln, 12th Sept. 1813.

12th. Marriage of Mr. Philip Shea to Miss Phebe Hall, both of Georgetown. Married by a Complaint of the said Phebe, & said Philip taken by a warrant 28th Dec. 1813 — marraide.

13th. Marriage of Mr. Andrew McFadden of Emden, County of Somerset, To Miss Elizebath Reirden of Georgetown, County Lincoln, 1 day of March A.D. 1814.

all the above Marraiges Returned in to the Town Clark's office.

14th. Marriage of Mr. Elijah Williams to Miss Mary Webber, both of Georgetown, marriade in March 24th, A.D. 1814.

15th. Marriage of Mr. Benjn. Tarr, Jr., and Miss Margret McFadden, both of Georgetown, 26 July 1814.





- 16th. Marriage of Mr. Richard White & Miss Nancy Kehale, both of Edgcombe. Marriage 22 day of December 1814.
- 17th. on thusday, 23th November 1815, Marriage by B. R. Esqr., Mr. Nathan Gowen of Montville to Miss Margret Hagan of Georgetown.
- 18th. Marriage of Wm. Gott, Junr., To Miss Judith McKency, both of Georgetown, 14th December 1815.
- 19th. Marriage of John Sadler, Jr., of Edgcomb To Miss Saley Stephens of Georgetown, 28th Decr. 1815.
- all the above Marrages are made Returns of to the Town Clark.
20. Marriage of Mr. Rufus Crawford of Bath To Miss Bethiah Tyler of Edgcomb, 15th day of February 1816. Returned.
21. Marriage of Mr. Nicholas Shea To Miss Betsy Beal, both of Georgetown, 29th of February 1816. Returned.
22. Marriage of Mr. Robert Power, Jr., To Miss Content Lennan, both of Georgetown, 28th of March 1816.
23. Marriage of James Collins of Hollowell and Miss Betsy Tyler of Edgcombe, May 1, 1816.
24. Marriage of James Butler of Phippsburg To Margret Webber of Georgetown, 19th December 1816.
25. Marriage of George Oliver of Phippsburg To Martha Oliver of Georgetown, 6th February 1817.
26. Marriage of David Webber of Edgcomb To Frances Oliver of Georgetown, 27th February 1817.
- all the above Returned
27. Marriage of Philip Shea to Eliza Hooper, Both of Georgetown, May 8, 1817.
28. Marriage of Wadsworth Oliver To Sophia Adams, Both of Georgetown, June 5th, 1817.
29. Marriage of William Sadler of Edgcombe to Miss Betsy Gott of Georgetown, 28th August 1817.
30. Marriage [of] Mr. William Oliver to Miss Temperance P. Jackson, Both of Georgetown, 28th Septr. 1817.
31. Marriage of Mr. James Heal to Miss Dolly Shattuck, Both of Edgcomb, May 3th [sic], 1818.
- No. 32. Marriage of Mr. Robert Clary with Miss Ruth Tarr, both of Georgetown, Sunday, the 4 day of october 1818.
- No. 33. Marriage of Mr. Elijah Campell with Miss Phebe Emerson, both of Georgetown, on thursday, the 25 day of February 1819.
- No. 34. Marriage of Mr. Edward Medar with Miss Sarah Brooks, both of Edgcombe, on thursday, March 18th, 1819.
- No. 35. Marriage of Mr. William Lewis of Boothbay to Miss Hannah Brooks, Jr., of Edgcomb, the 3 day of June 1819.
- No. 36. Marriage of Mr. Daniel Tarr with Miss Elizabeth Horford, both of Georgetown, November the 4, 1819.
- No. 37. Marriage of Moses Jewett of Edgcomb To Miss Mary Heagan of Georgetown, February the 17, 1820.
- No. 38. Marriage of Mr. Lewis Harford with Miss Amelia P. Mallus, Both of Georgetown, Thursday, the 24 day of February 1820.
- No. 39. Marriage of Mr. William Dunton of Buthbay To Miss Sarrah Knights of Edgcombe, Thursday, March the 16. A.D. 1820.
40. Marriage of Mr. Thomas Williams with Miss Catharine Emmons, Both of Georgetown, Thursday, 27 day of April 1820.
41. Marriage of Capt. Stephen Sawyer with Miss Abigail Anderson, both [of] the town of Edgcomb, Thursday, 31 Day of August 1820.
42. Marriage of Mr. Hiram Hodgdon with Miss Hannah Brooks, both of the town of Edgcomb, Monday, December 25 day, 1820.
43. Marriage of Mr. Abel Lennard of litchfield with Miss Elmira McMarne of Georgetown, thursday, December 28th, 1820.





44. Marriage of David Reirden with Miss Rachel Power, Both of Georgetown, thursday, 28th December 1820.
- No. 45. Marriage of Mr. Campell Oliver of Georgetown with Miss Lydia Baker of Phipsburg, January 4th, 1821, on thursday.
- No. 46. Marriage of William Orn of Buthbay with Miss Elizabeth Hall of Georgetown, on thursday, 11th of January 1821.
- No. 47. Marriage of William Jewett of Edgcomb with Miss Ruth Webber of Georgetown, on thursday, the 8th day of February 1821.
- No. 48. Marriage of William L. Hall of Georgetown with Miss Ann S. Stinson of said Georgetown, on Sunday, April the 1 day, in the year 1821.
- No. 49. Marriage of John McMahan To Mrs. Lucy Snowman, Both of the Town of Georgetown, June 17th, 1821.
- No. 50. Marriage of Jacob Power with Miss Hannah Heagan, Both of Georgetown. Solemnize[d] Sunday, th 14th day of october 1821.
- No. 51. Marriage of Capt. Moses Riggs To Miss Martha S. Fisher, Both of Georgetown. Solomnized on Sunday, December the 9th, 1821.
- No. 52. Marriage of Mr. William R. Haward of Litchfield To Miss Elizabeth d. McMahan of Georgetown, Thursday, March 21th [sic], 1822.
- No. 53. Marriage of Mr. Isaac Heal To Miss Mary McKeney, Both of Georgetown, was Celebrateed on Thursday, october 24th, 1822.
- No. 54. Marriage of Mr. George Harford To Miss Nancy Tarr, both of Georgetown, was Celebrateed on Sabbath day, November 10th, 1822.
- No. 55. Marriage of Mr. Luther Heal with Miss Rebecca Heal, both of Georgetown, was Celebrated on Sunday, Decr. 15th, 1822.
- No. 56. Marriage of Mr. Allen Davis of East Pond Plantation, which was taken off of Norridgwalk & acording to Mr. Peter Libbey Certificate was Published, East Pond Plantation, with Miss Hannah Snowman of George Town. Celebrated on Thursday, the 16th Jany. 1823, and was Published in said Georgetown as p[le]r Certificate from John Hinkley, Clerk of said Town — Allen Davis of Norridgwok, which Disagreed as above on account of Thomas Stephens, Jr., Making the mistake with Mr. Hinkley.

The Number of the Marriages brought over 56 in Number, as will appear.

- No. 57. Marriage of Mr. Samuel Allen of Bowdoinham To Miss Catharine Power of Georgetown. Celebrated on Sunday, April 27th, 1823.
- No. 58. Marriage of Mr. Thomas Rowe To Miss Mary Gott, Both of Georgetown. Celebrated Tuesday, August 26th, 1823.
- No. 59. Marriage of Mr. Seth Tarr To Miss Caroline Mars, Both of Georgetown. Celebrated thursday, September 25th, 1823.
- No. 60. Marriage of Mr. Luther Power To Miss Mary Clary, Both of Georgetown. Celebrated thursday, November 27th, 1823.
- No. 61. Marriage of Mr. Samuel Lowell of Alna To Miss Betsey McFadden of Georgetown. Celebrated tuesday, December 9th, 1823.
- No. 62. Marriage of Capt. William Fisher To Miss Duranda Soper, Both of Georgetown. Selebration of the above Marraige thursday, December 23 the, 1823.
- No. 63. Marraige of Mr. John McFadden, 3, with to Miss Susanna Whitmore, Both of Georgetown. Celebration of the above Marriage was Thursday, 26th Feburay 1824.
- No. 64. Marraige of Daniel Tibbets of woolwich with Miss Hannah Hall of Georgetown. Marriage Celebrated thursday, April 8th, 1824.
- No. 65. Marraige of Mr. John C. Rogers & Miss Abigail Stinson, Both of Georgetown. Celebrated the above Marraige wednsday, october 6, 1824.
- No. 66. Marraige of Mr. John H. Wallace with Miss Mary McFadden, Both of Georgetown. the above Marraigned sollomnized December 23th, 1824.
- No. 67. Marriage of William Lowney with Miss Sarah McKenney, both of Georgetown. Celebration Thursday, october 13th, 1825.





- 68 No. Marraiage of Lewis Thorp, Esqr., of Buthbay with Miss Susanna McFadden of Georgetown. Celebration thursday, November 3th, 1825.
- No. 69. Marraige of Mr. Joseph Hodgdon, 3d, with Miss Rachel Brooks, both of the town of Edgcomb. Celebrated the above thursday, Novmber 10th, 1825.
- No. 70. Marraige of Mr. Harvey Sadler with Miss Jane Stephens, both of the Town of Georgetown. Joined in Marraige thursday, November 24th, 1825.
- No. 71. Joined in Marriage David Avery of Marbelhead with Miss Mary Sadler of Georgetown. Celebration Sunday, December the 4th, 1825.
- No. 72. Joined in Marriage William Harris with Mrs. Jane Dearing, both of Boothbay. Celebration Thursday, December th 8th, 1825.
- No. 73. Joined in Marriage thursday, December 22th, 1825, Mr. Daniel McKenney with Miss Lucy Ann Webber, Both of the Town of Georgetown.
74. Joined in Marraige Thursday, December 29th, 1825, Mr. William Peirce with Miss Elizabeth Orn, Both of Buthbay. the above Returned in April last.
75. Joined in Marraige Thursday, May 18th, 1826, Mr. Warren S. Todd with Miss Betsey Swett, Both of Georgetown.
76. Joined in Marraige Sunday, July 9th, 1826, Mr. Daniel Brooks with Miss Clarisa McKeney, Both of Edgcomb.
77. Joined in Marraige, Sunday, December 24, 1826, Mr. Benjn. Swett, Jr., with Mis Louisa Ann Whitmore, Both of Georgetown.
78. Joined in Marraige Thursday, January 11, 1827, Mr. David M. Stinson with Miss Hariot Swett, Both of Georgetown.
79. Joined in Marraige Thursday, th 25th January 1827, Mr. William M. Spinney with Miss Margery E. Oliver, Both of Georgetown.
80. Joined in Marraige thursday, March 1th [sic], 1827, Mr. Elijah Drummond of Bangor, County of Penobscot, with Miss Susan D. Parker of Phipsburg, Thursday, March 1th [sic], 1827.
81. Joined in Marraige thursday, March 1th [sic], 1827, Mr. Andrew Hogan with Miss Ruth Mars, Both of Georgetown.
82. Joined in Marriage thursday, March 22th, 1827, Mr. Clark Blake with Miss Marthy Jewett, Both of Edgcomb.
83. Joined in Marriage Wednesday, April 4th, 1827, Mr. James Orn & Miss Mahala Pirce, both of Buthbay.
84. Joined in Marriage Sunday, May 13th, 1827, Mr. Jonathan Preble with Miss Clarissa Brown, both of Georgetown.
85. Joined in Marraige thursday, August 14th, 1827, Mr. Zebediah Farnham, Jr., of Woolwich with Miss Sophia F. Whitmore of Georgetown.
- No. 86. Joined in Marriage Sunday, Novr. 11th, 1827, Capt. James Lennan of Phipsburg with Mrs. Betsy White of Georgetown.
- No. 87. Joined in Marraige thursday, April 3dth [sic], 1828, Mr. Mathew McKeney to Miss Nancy Thomas, both of Edgcomb & now caled West Port. the above Returned.
- No. 88. Joined in Marriage on thursday, April 3d, the Year 1828, Mr. Alden Heal with Miss Mercy Power, Both of Georgetown.
- No. 89. Joined in Marriage on thursday, November 27th, 1828, Mr. Samuel Leeman, Jr., of Bristol with Miss Caroline Hall of Georgetown.
90. Joined in Marriage on thursday, December 25th, 1828, Mr. William Williams with Miss Hannah R. McKenney, Both of Georgetown.  
the above Returned up to April 6th, 1829
- No. 91. Joined in Marriage Sunday, April 10th, 1829, Mr. William Tarr with Miss Catharine Welsh, Both of Georgetown.
- No. 92. Joined in Marriage Thursday, April 16th. 1829, Mr. Samuel Rand of Boothbay and Miss Jane Hall of Georgetown.





- No. 93. Joined in Marriage May 7th, 1829, Capt. Andrew Tarbox of Westport with Miss Loisa Heagan of Georgetown.
- No. 94. Joined in Marriage Thursday, July 23th, 1829, Mr. Thomas Spinney and Miss Susan Grover, Both of Georgetown.
- No. 95. Joined in Marriage Sunday, February 14th, 1830, Mr. Neal Bean of Mount Varnon with Miss Luann Lawrance of Georgetown.
- all of the above Marriages Returned April 5th, 1830, to the Clerk of Said Town of Georgetown.
- No. 96. Joined in Marriage on thursday, the 27th day of January 1831, Mr. Samuel Beal To Miss Rachel Tarr, Both of Georgetown.
- No. 97. Joined in Marriage on thursday, the 17th day of March 1831, Mr. James F. Trott of woolwich To Miss Catharine R. Stinson of Georgetown.
- No. 98. Joined in Marriage on tuesday, october 25th, 1831, Capt. Wm. Drummond of Phipsburgh To Miss Mary Fisher of Georgetown.
- No. 99. Joined in Marriage on Sunday, November 20th, 1831, Mr. Joshua Linscott of Bath To Miss Sarah Kahaile of Westport.
- No. 100. Joined in Marriage on Sunday, December 11th, 1831, Mr. Joseph L. Savage of Woolwich with Mrs. Ann S. Hall of Georgetown. Retd.
- No. 101. Joined in Marriage on thursdav, the February 23, the Year 1832, Mr. Ebenezer Prible & Miss Mary Snipe, Both of Georgetown. Retd.
- No. 102. Joined in Marriage on thursday, the 8th day of March, Year 1832, Mr. Joseph Beal & Miss Mary W. Grover, Both of Georgetown. Retd.
- No. 103. Joined in Marriage on tuesday, October 23th, 1832, Mr. James Drumond Fisher of Bow[d]oinham & Miss Lucinda Pettee of Georgetown. Retd.
- No. 104. Joined in Marriage on Wednsday, the 24th of September 1834, Mr. Roland Fisher with Mis Susanna Riggs, both of Georgetown. Retd.
- No. 105. Joined in Marriage on tuesday, the 24th day of November, Year 1835, Capt. James Drummond of Phipsburg with Miss Eliza Jane Riggs of Georgetown. Returned.
- No. 106. Joined in Marriage on Monday, the 12th day of Feby., Year 1838, Capt. Aderson D. Fisher with Miss Ruth Ann Riggs, both of Georgetown. Returned.
- No. 107. Joined in Marriage on thursday, the 27th of September, in the Year 1838, Jacob W. Swett with Eliza Jane White, Both of the Town of Georgetown.
- No. 108. Joined in Marraige on thursday, the 21 day of November, in the Year of our Lord 1839, John Drumond with Mary R. White, Both of the Town of Georgetown.





## DESCENDANTS OF GOV. JOHN CRANSTON OF RHODE ISLAND

By CHARLES ALBERT DuBosq of Philadelphia, Pa.,  
and WILLIAM JONES, A.B., of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

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50. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> CRANSTON (*Samuel*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), boat builder, born at Newport, R. I., 26 Sept. 1782, died at New Bedford, Mass., 17 Dec. 1871. He married first LYDIA JACOBS, sister of Rev. Bela Jacobs of Cambridgeport, Mass.; secondly, at East Greenwich, R. I., 3 Dec. 1809, SARAH GREENE, daughter of Joseph Greene; and thirdly, at Fall River, Mass., 28 Dec. 1816, MARY HUTTLESTONE HART, born at Fall River 25 May 1792, died at New Bedford 14 Apr. 1848, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Brayton) Hart.

He lived most of his life at New Bedford, having removed from Newport at an early date.

Child by first wife:

- i. WILLIAM WALTER,<sup>7</sup> boat builder, b. at Newport 17 Mar. 1804; drowned 1 June 1847; m. LYDIA GARDINER HAFARDS.

Children (a corrected list will be given in the Addenda):

1. Orville Walter,<sup>8</sup> b. at New Bedford 4 Mar. 1836; d. there 14 Dec. 1901; m. Abbie G. Stowell, b. 10 Sept. 1839, d. 16 May 1882. Two children.\*
2. Mary, m. George Choate. Children (surname *Choate*): (1) Mary, d. young, (2) Susan, (3) Jessie.
3. Sarah, d. unm.
4. Rhoby Anna, m. Robert Ingraham, for many years city librarian at New Bedford. One child, Jane.
5. Lydia, d. unm.

Children by third wife, born at New Bedford:

- ii. JAMES MILLER, b. 4 Oct. 1817; living at New Bedford in 1898; m. SUSAN ———.

Children:

1. James,<sup>8</sup> a sailor, b. about 1848; d. unm. According to an account brought back to New Bedford by sailors, he worked for a time on a ranch in South America, and was forced into the army of one of the South American states. He finally made his escape, but, when about to sail for home, was captured and shot, and his body was thrown into the sea.
2. Sarah Russell, m. ——— Parsons, and had one or more daughters.
3. Mary Cynthia, m. Thomas Weaver. Residence, Little Compton, R. I.

- iii. SARAH GREENE, b. 4 Jan. 1819; d. at New Bedford 6 Nov. 1888; m. at New Bedford, 11 Nov. 1838, JAMES MADISON LAWTON of New Bedford, b. in Massachusetts in 1813, d. in 1895, son of

\*Children of Orville Walter<sup>8</sup> and Abbie G. (Stowell) Cranston: 1. Ella Linwood,<sup>9</sup> b. at Dartmouth, Mass., 5 Sept. 1862; m. at New Bedford, 11 July 1883, Herbert Allen Eddy, b. at Providence, R. I., 12 Sept. 1859, son of John and Sarah (Gifford) Eddy; two children (surname *Eddy*), b. at Cottage City, Mass., viz., (1) Bertha Linwood, b. 20 May 1888, m. at Oak Bluffs, Mass., 6 Oct. 1925, George H. Clark, and (2) Doris Cranston, b. 13 May 1898, m. 15 Oct. 1920 Albert J. Parker, and has two children (surname *Parker*), viz., Jane Linwood, b. at Acushnet, Mass., 20 Aug. 1921, and William Cranston, b. 3 Aug. 1925. 2. William Walter, b. at New Bedford 9 Dec. 1863; m. there, 1 June 1895, Phoebe Alice Sawyer, b. at Fall River, Mass., 22 Jan. 1858, daughter of Henry S. and Sophia (Allen) Sawyer; no children.





James Lawton of Newport. He was a merchant, retired early from business, was twice elected to the Massachusetts Legislature, served for many years as a member of the School Committee of New Bedford, and was vice president and one of the most active members of the Union for Good Works.

Children (surname *Lawton*), b. at New Bedford:

1. *Mary C.*, b. 16 Sept. 1840.
2. *James Madison*, b. 24 July 1842; d. 28 Feb. 1895.
3. *Robert S.*, b. 24 July 1844; d. 28 May 1896.
4. *Anne*, b. 19 Nov. 1846; d. unm. 9 June 1894.
5. *William*, d. in infancy.
6. *Charles*, d. in infancy.
7. *William Cranston*, A.B. (Harvard, 1873), teacher and author, b. 22 May 1853; m. 24 Jan. 1884 Alida Allen Beattie of New Bedford. He taught in the New Bedford High School, 1873-1875, studied in Italy and Germany (for most of the time at Göttingen), 1876-77, was again on the teaching staff of the New Bedford High School, 1877-1879, and then continued his studies abroad, 1880-1883, devoting himself to Greek literature, archæology, and the study of Dante, and spending his time in Italy, at Athens, at Assos in Asia Minor (as a member of the American expedition engaged in excavating there in 1881), and at the University of Berlin, where he was under the instruction of Ernst Curtius and Kirchhoff. Returning to the United States in 1883, he was classical teacher in a private school in Boston for six years, 1883-1889, afterwards taught Greek and Latin at Boston University and at Bowdoin and Bryn Mawr Colleges, and was a lecturer at Columbia University, 1889-1895. For twelve years, 1895-1907, he was head of the classical department at Adelphi College and Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y., and then purchased the Lackawanna School at Scranton, Pa., which he conducted for several years, with the assistance of his sons. In 1914 he was appointed professor of literature at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., and became a professor emeritus of this institution in 1918. In the earlier days of his career he was active in the work of the Archæological Institute of America, serving as its secretary, 1890-1894, and spending much time in trying to secure for this organization the right to carry on excavations at Delphi. He has lectured much on archæological and literary topics, has been a prolific writer of essays, reviews, and poems, and was classical editor of Charles Dudley Warner's "Library of the World's Best Literature," 1897-98. In the World War he served, June 1918-Feb. 1919, as an expert linguist under the United States Postal Censorship, in New York City, and is now engaged chiefly in lecturing and translating and in writing magazine articles on European politics and economics. A list of his principal published works may be found in "Who's Who in America." Cf. also the "Fiftieth Anniversary Report" of the Harvard Class of 1873. Residence, Jackson Heights, N. Y. Three children.\*
8. *Charles F.*, b. 16 Oct. 1855. For many years he was superintendent of streets in New Bedford and had much to do with laying out the new city. He is now city forester of New Bedford.
9. *Elizabeth*, b. 3 June 1858.

\*Children of William Cranston and Alida Allen (Beattie) Lawton: 1. Maxwell Francis, A.B. (Columbia, 1904), A.M. (*ib.*, 1913), b. at Cambridge, Mass., 26 Nov. 1884; d. 22 Feb. 1920, from disease contracted while an officer in the United States Army; m. in June 1906 Anne Clow Fraser of Perth Amboy, N. J.; four children. 2. Ernest Beattie, A.B. (Columbia, 1913), b. at Cambridge, Mass., 19 Sept. 1889; m. in June 1914 Dorothy Elsa Capwell of Scranton, Pa.; two children. 3. Wilhelmine Alida, B.S. (Columbia, 1916), b. 4 Oct. 1893; m. in June 1920 Thomas Woody, Professor of the History of Education, University of Pennsylvania; two children.





- iv. CHARLES M., b. 1 Dec. 1820; d. 4 May 1862.
- v. JOHN, b. 14 July 1822; m. (1) ———; m. (2) SARAH ———; m. (3) ———.  
 Child by first wife:  
 1. John,<sup>8</sup> a sailor, d. unm.  
 Children by second wife:  
 2. Mary, d. unm.  
 3. Eliza, d. at an early age; m. and had one daughter.  
 4. Sarah, d. unm.  
 5. Lydia, living at Tiverton, R. I., in 1925; m. Henry Clay Osborn.  
 6. William, d. before 1925; m. ———.  
 7. Henry, living unm. in Florida in 1925.
- vi. MARY, b. 1 Jan. 1824; d. 5 Feb. 1826.
- vii. LYDIA J., b. 17 Aug. 1825; d. 3 Apr. 1887; m. CAPT. DANIEL B. GREENE.  
 Children (surname *Greene*):  
 1. Mary,  
 2. Sarah, } d. unm.  
 3. Walter,
- viii. JETHRO H., a sailor, b. 15 May 1827; d. probably before 1867; m. ———.
- ix. ELIZA, b. 28 Feb. 1829; m. CAPT. MERRILL SANBORN.  
 Children (surname *Sanborn*):  
 1. Charles, a sailor, d. unm.  
 2. Elizabeth, m. Charles Hoag.
- x. SAMUEL H., b. 5 Dec. 1830; m. ———.
- 92. xi. GEORGE McI., b. 31 May 1832.
- xii. THOMAS A., b. 26 Apr. 1834; d. 26 June 1889; m. ———.

51. JAMES<sup>6</sup> CRANSTON (*Richmond*,<sup>5</sup> *James*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Newport, R. I., 5 May 1768, died in the military service of the United States 6 June 1814. He married at Stonington, Conn., in July 1792, Rev. Hezekiah N. Woodruff officiating, ANNE HEMPSTEAD (First Congregational Church records), born at Stonington 26 June 1773, died either there or at New London, Conn., 3 July 1810, daughter of Robert and Anne (Avery) Hempstead. She was sixth in descent from Robert Hempstead, one of the founders of New London. Her father served in the Connecticut militia during the Revolutionary War, and her grandfather, Joshua Hempstead, according to the records of the Sons of the American Revolution, enlisted when over fifty years of age, was present at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and brought the first news of the battle to New London. She is buried in an old burying ground on a farm owned in 1924 by William Williams, about a mile and a half north from Mystic, Conn.

James Cranston removed when a young man from Newport to Stonington and later to New London. At the outbreak of the War of 1812, his wife having died, he enlisted in the Army. The following information was obtained in 1913 from the office of the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.:

"The records show that one James Cranston, private, Company F, 25th United States Infantry, enlisted Aug. 19, 1812, to serve five years, in Captain Cone's company; that he was taken prisoner at





Stony Creek, June 6, 1813; rejoined Captain D. Ketchum's company, Oct. 26, 1813; and that he died June 6, 1814."

James Cranston's family never knew what became of him after he enlisted. His oldest son, James, also enlisted, and the younger children were cared for by their Hempstead relatives at Stonington.

Children, born at Stonington or New London:

- 93. i. JAMES,<sup>7</sup> b. at Stonington 19 Nov. 1792.
- ii. HANNAH, m. ———.
- iii. ANNE, m. ——— Wilkinson.
- 94. iv. RICHMOND, b. at Stonington 27 Feb. 1804.
- v. CHARLES, probably the Charles Cranston who m. at Norwich, Conn., 21 Aug. 1842, EMELINE CHURCH of Montville, Conn.

52. HON. HENRY YOUNG<sup>6</sup> CRANSTON (*Peleg*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), of Newport, R. I., born at Newport 9 Oct. 1789, died there 12 Feb. 1864, aged 74 years (gravestone). He married at Newport, 15 July 1813, MARY HAMMETT, born at Newport 2 Aug. 1784, died there 24 Nov. 1857 (gravestone), daughter of Nathan and Catharine Hammett.

He attended the public schools, worked at a trade for five years from the age of twelve, was engaged in business at New Bedford, Mass., and at Newport, 1810–1815, studied law for three years, was admitted to the bar in 1819, and began the practice of his profession at Newport. He was major of the First Regiment of Rhode Island Militia, 1810–1812, and served in the Artillery Company of the Town of Newport as ensign, first and second lieutenant, and captain, 1819–1825. He was elected clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Newport County, and held this office from 1818 to 1832, inclusive, being also during this same period a justice of the peace for Newport County. He was a member and vice president of the convention that framed the State constitution and a member of the General Assembly of Rhode Island, 1827–1843. He was a Representative from Rhode Island in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Congresses, 1843–1847, having been elected as a Whig, in succession to his brother, Hon. Robert Bennie Cranston (30, vi), who had served in Congress for three terms, 1837–1843, and who was elected again to the Thirtieth Congress, 1847–1849. Hon. Henry Young Cranston was afterwards again a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives and its speaker for three years.

In the galleries of the Newport Historical Society there are portraits in oil of Hon. Henry Young Cranston, his wife, two of his daughters, and his son.

Children, born at Newport:

- i. ELIZABETH YOUNG,<sup>7</sup> b. 11 June 1814; d. unm. 11 Jan. 1869.
- ii. CATHERINE MATILDA, b. 27 Sept. 1815; d. 1 Feb. 1886.
- iii. NARCISSA YOUNG, b. 19 Oct. 1817; d. unm. 1 Aug. 1864.
- iv. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 29 Mar. 1821; d. unm. 10 Oct. 1871, aged 50.  
He was one of the proprietors and editor of the *Newport Daily News*, and was mayor of Newport, 1856–1865.
- v. JULIA A., b. 13 Mar. 1823; d. unm. 16 Feb. 1891.





53. CHRISTOPHER HELME<sup>6</sup> CRANSTON (*John*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), tailor, born at South Kingstown, R. I., 26 Jan. 1782, died at Mystic River (Groton), Conn., 24 Mar. 1852. He married PRISCILLA NILES, born at Stonington, Conn., 25 Oct. 1796, died at Mystic River 14 Nov. 1879, daughter of Jonathan and ——— (Packer) Niles of Mason's Island, Stonington.

The following sketch of his life was furnished by his grandson:

"He was by occupation a tailor, and removed from South Kingstown to Westerly, R. I., and afterwards to Mystic, Conn. At the last named place he first entered upon his career of a 'knight of the shears.' He was accomplished in all the modes and economies of dress with which his craft was concerned, and was a man of great ease and affability of manners. Chiefly through his instrumentality the first public library in the valley was provided, and was opened and kept in a part of his shop."

Children, born at Mystic River:

- i. JOHN HELME,<sup>7</sup> b. in July 1826; d. 4 Dec. 1830.
- ii. HENRY, b. in June 1829; d. 1 Sept. 1831.
- iii. GEORGE SABIN, b. in 1831; d. 19 Apr. 1839.
- iv. JAMES GALLUP, b. 25 Dec. 1834; d. unm. 10 Jan. 1878.
- 95. v. JOHN HOLDREDGE, b. 12 Sept. 1836.
- vi. HANNAH MARY, b. 24 Nov. 1839; d. s. p. 8 Jan. 1880; m. WILLIAM GREENE.

54. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> CRANSTON (*William*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born, probably at North Kingstown, R. I., 1 May 1793, died at North Attleborough, Mass., 5 June 1830. He married, 31 Mar. 1816, LYDIA KINNEY BABCOCK, born at South Kingstown, R. I., 12 July 1795, died at Cincinnati, Ohio, 21 Feb. 1866, daughter of Gideon and Hannah Babcock.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM BABCOCK,<sup>7</sup> b. at Newport, R. I., 1 Mar. 1817; d. at Cincinnati, Ohio, 28 May 1897; m. at Cumberland, R. I., 7 Oct. 1839, his first cousin, HANNAH F. HOWLAND (34, iii, 2), who d. at Cincinnati after 1887, daughter of Joseph and Harty (Cranston) Howland.
- Child:
  - 1. Anna Frances,<sup>8</sup> b. 6 Oct. 1841; d. 29 Apr. 1857.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. at Newport, R. I., 25 Feb. 1819; d. 23 Sept. 1832.
- 96. iii. ADONIRAM JUDSON, b. at Newport, R. I., 7 May 1821.
- iv. MARY M., b. at Newport, R. I., 22 Sept. 1824; d. at Cincinnati, Ohio, 1 Sept. 1901; m. THOMAS FOGG.
- 97. v. JOSEPH WARREN, b. at Providence, R. I., 12 Dec. 1825.
- 98. vi. JOHN HENRY, b. at Newport or at Valley Falls, R. I., 24 Mar. 1828.
- vii. SARAH B., b. at Newport, R. I., 18 Feb. 1830; d. 1 Oct. 1849; m. JOHN MORROW, who d. in 1850, six months after his wife. One child, b. in 1849; d. at birth.

55. CALEB<sup>6</sup> CRANSTON (*William*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born probably at North Kingstown, R. I., about 1795, died at Newport, R. I., in 1839. He married ———, who may have been the Martha Cranston of North Kingstown who by her will, dated 3 Aug. 1848, left all her estate, both real and personal, to her only child, Julia E. Thompson,





Genealogical research occupied much of his time, especially in his later years, and he compiled a history of the French family to which he belonged. This work he had contemplated publishing, under the title "Edward French and His Descendants;" but arrangements for publication were not completed, the manuscript was bequeathed by him to his niece, Miss Elizabeth French Taylor of Nashua, N. H., and, in conformity with his wish, it will eventually come into the possession of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (*vide infra*).

Mr. French married at Waterford, Saratoga Co., N. Y., 8 October 1869, Clarissa Gaylord House, who was born at Whitehall, N. Y., 2 August 1846 and died at Roxbury, Mass., 22 January 1916. They had no children, and Mr. French's nearest surviving relatives were two sisters, Miss Lydia Jane French of Concord, N. H., who died 6 April 1924, and Mrs. Ellen Augusta Taylor of Nashua, N. H., who died in February 1926. Several nephews and nieces and grand-nephews and grandnieces also survived him.

By his will and its two codicils Mr. French disposed of a considerable estate, making thoughtful provision for his immediate relatives and connections and bestowing substantial legacies on his native town, on certain religious, charitable, and educational organizations, and on the New England Historic Genealogical Society, whose work in collecting, preserving, and publishing genealogical material he duly appreciated.

In the will, made 19 July 1918, the testator directed that his body should be cremated and that his ashes should be buried beside those of his wife, in the John House lot in the Waterford Rural Cemetery, at Waterford, N. Y. The French Family Burying Ground, in Epping, N. H., he devised to a grandnephew, George Caleb French, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wis., and enjoined on him the duty of caring for and keeping in repair this burial plot and of handing it on to another male descendant of the French name. He made generous bequests to his two sisters then living and to numerous nephews and nieces and other relatives and connections, the sum of these individual legacies amounting to \$162,000. To the Walnut Avenue Congregational Society of Roxbury, Mass., he bequeathed \$10,000, "to be added to and become a permanent part of 'the Walnut Avenue Endowment Fund' " of that society; and to the town of Epping, in memory of his father, Caleb French, and of his mother, Mary French, "both of whom were born, lived, died and [were] buried in said town," he left \$3,000, the income from which is to be expended each year for the purchase of suitable books for the public library there. He also established in his will a trust fund of \$30,000, from which certain payments were to be made quarterly to a nephew and niece as long as they lived, the remainder going to the children of certain other nephews and nieces previously named among the beneficiaries in the will.

In the first codicil to this will, dated 10 July 1920, the testator, after making sundry changes in the disposal of his personal effects and in the legacies to relatives and connections, inserted a bequest of \$10,000 to the First Presbyterian Church of Waterford, N. Y.,





in memory of his wife, which is to form a permanent fund for the use of said church; and he provided that the remainder of the trust fund of \$30,000, established by his will, instead of passing to the children of his nephews and nieces, should be distributed as follows: one-fourth, as an additional legacy, to the town of Epping, N. H., for the purposes set forth in the legacy previously mentioned, one-fourth, as an additional legacy, to the First Presbyterian Church of Waterford, N. Y., one-fourth, as an additional legacy, to the Walnut Avenue Congregational Society of Roxbury, Mass., and one-fourth to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, "for the use and purposes of said Society." Certain bequests in the will to relatives and connections were by the terms of this codicil limited in amount, and the remainder was assigned in equal portions to the First Presbyterian Church of Waterford, N. Y., as an additional gift, to the Walnut Avenue Congregational Society of Roxbury, as an additional gift, to the Boston City Missionary Society of Boston, and to the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute of Hampton, Va. In this codicil Mr. French also bequeathed to his niece, Elizabeth French Taylor of Nashua, N. H., all of his genealogical records and other papers, books, autographs, coins, postage stamps, photographs, curios, and bric-a-brac, and expressed his wish that his niece should give these genealogical records, or should provide in her will that they should finally go, to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, where they are to be accessible to any of his "relatives and other persons who may desire to examine or to copy or print or publish all or any portion of them and without any charge or any compensation to said Society therefor."

In the second codicil to his will, dated 11 July 1922, Mr. French made a few further changes in legacies to certain relatives and connections, and cancelled those portions of the will and of the first codicil thereto which named the Walnut Avenue Congregational Society of Roxbury, Mass., as a beneficiary, because he had already paid to that society the full amount (\$10,000) of his bequest.

By a decree of the Court of Probate for the County of Suffolk the share in Mr. French's estate to which the New England Historic Genealogical Society is entitled was fixed at \$7,500; and with this sum, which was received by the Society in March of the present year, the Council of the Society has established the Caleb Jay French Fund, the income of which is to be used for the general purposes of the Society. Eventually, also, the Society will receive the valuable genealogical records collected and arranged by Mr. French, for his niece, Miss Taylor, the present possessor of these records, has already provided for the carrying out of her uncle's wishes in regard to them.





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## CALEB JAY FRENCH

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CALEB JAY FRENCH, of Boston, a resident member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society since 1912, a life member since 1919, and a liberal benefactor of the Society, was born at Epping, N. H., 29 November 1841, the son of Caleb and Mary (Sanborn) French, and died at the Hotel Vendome in Boston 20 February 1924.

His immigrant ancestor, Edward<sup>1</sup> French, tailor, was a proprietor at Ipswich, Mass., in 1637, but soon moved to Salisbury, Mass., where he was a proprietor in 1640 and a town officer and in 1652 had a greater estate than any other residents in that town except two. He died 28 December 1674. In his will, dated 10 April 1673 and proved 13 April 1675, he refers to his great age, and mentions several children and grandchildren and his wife Ann, whom he makes executrix. She died 9 March 1682/3. Mr. Caleb Jay French held tenaciously to the opinion that this Edward French of Salisbury was identical with an Edward French who was baptized at Halstead, co. Essex, England, 12 or 13 August 1598, the sixth child of Thomas and Ann or Agnes (Olmstead) French; but it seems probable that this last-mentioned Edward French was living in England 15 July 1639 and was therefore not the man of the same name who settled at Salisbury, Mass.\*

From Edward<sup>1</sup> French the subject of this memoir traced his descent through Joseph<sup>2</sup> of Salisbury, who was born in England, married at Ipswich, Mass., in 1653, Susanna Stacy (who died at Salisbury 12 February 1687/8), and died at Salisbury 6 June 1710, Simon<sup>3</sup> of Salisbury, admitted a freeman 18 April 1690, who was born at Salisbury 24 October 1657 and died there 19 April 1732, having married first, at Newbury, Mass., in 1685, Joanna Jackson (born at Newbury 14 June 1657, died at Salisbury 15 May 1704, daughter of James Jackson), who was the mother of his children, and secondly, at Newbury, 8 May 1707, Abigail Noyes (born at Newbury 11 April 1659, died at Salisbury 27 January 1746/7, daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Cutting) Noyes of Newbury),

\*Cf. REGISTER, vol. 65, pp. 284-286.





Sergt. **Joseph**<sup>4</sup> of Salisbury, who was born there 28 February 1689/90, married there, 19 August 1714, Mary Pillsbury (who died there 17 February 1756), and died there 22 October 1761, **Joseph**<sup>5</sup> of Salisbury and later of Epping, N. H. (whither he removed in 1765), who was born at Salisbury 29 March 1726 and died at Epping 31 December 1801, having married at Salisbury, 9 January 1753, his second cousin once removed, Abigail French (born at Salisbury 15 August 1729, died at Epping 31 August 1785, daughter of Timothy<sup>3</sup> (John,<sup>2</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup>) French), **Caleb**<sup>6</sup> of Epping, who was born at Salisbury 18 August 1762, married at Deerfield, N. H., 12 January 1801, Susannah Avery (born at Deerfield 29 May 1770, died at Epping 14 August 1848), and died at Epping 18 August 1811, and **Caleb**,<sup>7</sup> his father, who was born at Epping 23 January 1804, married there, 14 February 1825, Mary Sanborn (born at Epping 26 October 1802, died there 27 June 1890), and died there 15 December 1847.

Mr. French's great-grandfather, Joseph<sup>5</sup> French, was a soldier of the Revolution, serving from 10 September to 7 December 1776 (88 days) as a private in Capt. Timothy Clement's company, Col. Peirce Long's regiment, in the Continental service at New Castle. Another Joseph French of Epping, who was born in 1754, evidently a son of Joseph<sup>5</sup> French, also served in this company.

Bereft of his father when he was only six years old, Caleb Jay French attended the common schools of his native town, and his education was continued at Colby Academy, New London, N. H. In the Civil War he entered the service of the United States Government, and was appointed postmaster at Fortress Monroe. Afterwards he served in a similar capacity at Richmond, Va., and later was an aide to the Governor of Virginia. In the administration of President Grant, when the Railway Mail Service was properly organized, he was made a division superintendent, one of the six superintendents into whose care this whole branch of the work of the Post Office Department was entrusted. Some years later he retired from this position under the United States Government and entered the employ of the American Bell Telephone Company, which was formed in March 1880 as the successor of the National Bell Telephone Company and, like its predecessor, was under the general management of Theodore Newton Vail. Mr. Vail, also, had played an important part in the organization and development of the United States Railway Mail Service, before he took up what proved to be the greatest work of his life, the building up of the telephone system in the United States.\* For a number of years Mr. French held the position of general manager of the American Bell Telephone Company and served also as its vice president. He retired from the telephone business in 1912.

Since 1887 Mr. French had lived in Boston, residing first at The Warren, in the Roxbury district, and for the last six years of his life making his home at the Hotel Vendome, on Commonwealth Avenue. He was a member of the Eliot Congregational Church in Roxbury, and kept up the associations of his years of business activity by membership in the Telephone Pioneers.

\*Cf. memoir of Theodore Newton Vail, in REGISTER, vol. 77, pp. 163-175.





George Goulding of Newport ——— hundred acres of land in North Kingstown, R. I.

Child by first wife:

23. i. BENJAMIN,<sup>4</sup> b. at Swansea 18 Jan. 1727, the original record (book B, p. 15) reading: "Benjamin, the son of Benjamin Cranston and Elizabeth his wife was born the 18 day of January 1727."

Children by second wife:

24. ii. CALEB, b. 24 Jan. 1731.  
iii. SAMUEL, b. 17 Sept. 1737; d. probably 3 Feb. 1755.

Page 258, lines 34-35 (No. 12, i). According to the small slate headstone in the Common Burial Ground, Newport, this Ann Cranston was "The first white child born on the Friends Land called Eastons Point." She married JAMES MILWARD (not WILWARD).

Page 259 (No. 13). Walter Cranston (13) had an older son, JOHN, b. 2 Nov. 1748; d. 22 Jan. 1749. He had no daughter.

Page 260, line 28 (No. 15). *For 1753 read 1752.*

Page 260, line 35 (No. 15). *Below this line add, as a new paragraph, the following: The inventory of his estate is dated 31 Oct. 1752, and administration was granted to his widow, Deborah Cranston, 16 Nov. 1752.*

Page 261, line 35 (No. 17, i). *After JR. insert comma and add b. at Newport 8 Oct. 1738, d. there in Mar. 1804, son of Samuel and Sarah Brown. No children. (Cf. REGISTER, vol. 80, p. 178.)*

Page 261, line 36 (No. 17, ii). *For m. read said to have married.*

Page 261, line 39 (No. 17, ii, 1). *After Newport insert comma. For in 1774 read probably in 1775.*

Page 262, lines 30-36 (No. 19). *For the sentence beginning His son Peleg and for the next following sentence read: His son Peleg Cranston of Newport was appointed administrator of his estate, 13 Oct. 1800. He married MARY GOULD, born at South Kingstown, R. I., 11 Mar. 1731, died at North Kingstown 3 Mar. 1805, daughter of William and Penelope Gould of South Kingstown and granddaughter of John and Elizabeth (Gardiner) Gould. A coffin was ordered for her 3 Mar. 1805 (ib.).*

Page 262 (No. 19). All statements about a second wife of Caleb Cranston (19) should be omitted, as he probably married only once. The following records prove the statements made above in regard to the parents and grandparents of Mary Gould, wife of Caleb Cranston:

By a deed dated 29 Mar. 1711/12 William Gardner of Kingstown quitclaimed to his brother-in-law John Gould of Kingstown, blacksmith, his interest in twenty acres of land which formerly belonged to his father, William Gardner. (South Kingstown Deeds, lib. 5, fo. 239.)

On 27 Mar. 1716 Joseph Hammond, "lately come from England," and his wife Rachel, daughter of William Gardner, quitclaimed to their brother-in-law John Gould their interest in twenty acres of land left to Rachel by her father. (*Ib.*, lib. 5, fo. 157.)

On 12 Oct. 1748 John Gould of Crumb Elbow Precinct, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and his wife Mary [his second wife] conveyed to his son Adam Gould, for £492, a lot of land in South Kingstown. (*Ib.*, lib. 5, fo. 33.)

On 13 Oct. 1748 John Gould of Crumb Elbow Precinct, Dutchess Co., N. Y., late of Exeter, R. I., quitclaimed to his son Addam Gould of South Kingstown, yeoman, all his rights in a lot of land containing twenty acres given to him and his wife Elizabeth by their father William Gardner, late of Kingstown, by deed dated 8 Jan. 1705/6. (*Ib.*, lib. 5, fo. 13.)

In his will, dated 11 Apr. 1763 and proved 2 Feb. 1764, John Gould of Charlotte Precinct, Dutchess Co., N. Y., mentioned his wife Mary, his son Adam, to whom he left 5s., and his sons William and James, to each of whom he left 100 acres of land and half his livestock, tools, etc.





By a deed dated 31 Oct. 1765 Caleb Cranston of Jamestown and Mary, his wife, Benjamin Allen, Jr., of North Kingstown and Elizabeth, his wife, James Lewis of East Greenwich and Wait, his wife, and Caleb Bentley of South Kingstown and Tabitha, his wife, quitclaimed to Adam Gould of South Kingstown all their interest in twenty acres of land on Tower Hill in South Kingstown. (South Kingstown Deeds, lib. 6, fo. 353.) [The four women mentioned in this deed were the daughters of William and Penelope Gould of South Kingstown, viz., Mary, born 11 Mar. 1731, Elizabeth, born 23 Dec. 1733, Waite, born 10 June 1736, and Tabitha, born 12 July 1738. (South Kingstown town records.)]

Page 262, line 40 (No. 19). *For* William T. Cranston *read* William S. Cranston.

Page 262, line 42 (No. 19). *Omit* by first wife.

Page 262, lines 52-54 (No. 19). *Omit* these three lines. *Vide infra*, corrections to Nos. 35 and 36.

Page 266, line 6 (No. 23). *After* (*ib.*) *insert comma and add* daughter of Stephen and Phebe (Slade) Bowen of Swansea.

Page 266, line 42 (No. 24). *Below this line add, as a new paragraph, the following:* Administration on the estate of Capt. Caleb Cranston was granted, 2 Sept. 1765, to Mary Cranston, widow of the deceased (Worcester Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 296); and she was appointed, 4 Sept. 1769, guardian of her son Samuel, then under fourteen years of age (*ib.*, vol. 1, p. 373).

Page 344, line 15 (No. 28). *After* who *insert* was born 25 Sept. 1748 and.

Page 344, line 15 (No. 28). *Below this line add, as a new paragraph, the following:* On 27 July 1767 Deborah Cranston, "widow of John of Jamestown and mother of Samuel of Newport, ship-joiner," conveyed land in Jamestown to said son Samuel, which he conveyed, 28 July 1767, to Daniel Holloway of Newport, mariner.

Page 344, line 33 (No. 28, ii). *For* m. *read* d. 17 Apr. 1808, aged 38 years (grave-stone in the Common Burial Ground, Newport); m.

Page 344, line 33 (No. 28, ii). *After* HOLMES *insert comma and add* who m. (2) 27 Dec. 1808 Fanny Potter and d. 28 Aug. 1809.

Page 344, line 34 (No. 28, iii). *Below this line insert a new line, as follows:*  
iv. ABIGAIL, b. 5 Aug. 1774; m. SOLOMON GLADDING.

Page 344, lines 35-38 (No. 28). *Change Roman numerals from* iv. v. vi. vii. *to* v. vi. vii. viii.

Page 344, line 39 (No. 28). *For* Three *read* Two.

Page 345, line 33 (No. 30). *To the paragraph ending on this line add the following sentence:* He was probably a brother of Peleg Cranston's first wife.

Page 345, line 49 (No. 30, vi). *For* 1817, lieutenant *read* 1817, first lieutenant in the same company, 1818, lieutenant.

Page 346, line 7 (No. 31). *After* died *omit comma and substitute for the remainder of that sentence, ending on line 10, the words:* after 1 Feb. 1830.

Page 346, lines 7-10 (No. 31). The Thomas Cranston who died 31 Aug. 1825 was No. 80, i (REGISTER, vol. 80, p. 49), "about 80 years" being an error for "about 30 years."

Page 346, line 19 (No. 31). *Below this line insert, as a new paragraph, the following:* In his will, dated 1 Feb. 1830, Thomas Cranston styled himself "yeoman," and mentioned his two daughters, Esther Helme and Sarah Ann Cranston, to whom he bequeathed land and personal effects, his son Samuel, to whom he left his farming tools, and his son William N., to whom he left personal effects and whom he named his sole executor. The other children may have died before the will was made.

Page 346, lines 21-38 (No. 31). As was stated in the footnote on p. 346, the list of children of Thomas and Sarah (Northrup) Cranston was incorrectly





copied for Arnold's "Vital Records." The original record at Wickford, R. I., begins as follows (book 2, p. 70): "Births of the Children of Thos. Cranston of Caleb by Sarah his wife: Esther Cranston Daughter of the above Persons was born ——— the 30th ———," and the other children follow as given under No. 31, except that Nos. i and xii should be omitted from the list, as the child who was born 8 June ——— was a child of a Caleb Cranston. The portion of the page that contained the year of birth has been burned away. Thomas Cranston (31) had therefore ten children, *not* twelve, and the Roman numerals assigned to his children on p. 346 should be changed accordingly. Further search has brought to light some additional facts about this family, as follows:

Children:

- i. ESTHER,<sup>6</sup> b. 30 ———; m. ——— HELME.
- iii. SAMUEL NORTHRUP, b. 18 Mar. ———; d. after 1 Feb. 1830; m. ———.

Children:

- 1. Cyrus N.,<sup>7</sup> farmer, b. in 1808; d. 18 Feb. 1859; m. Sally T. ———. He was chosen captain of the Second Company, Third Regiment of Militia, North Kingstown, in June 1834 and in June 1835. His cousin, David Cranston of North Kingstown, was appointed administrator of his estate 13 June 1859. Child: (1) George T., of Lafayette, R. I., farmer, b. at North Kingstown in 1840, d. in Nov. 1894; m. 27 Jan. 1868 Elizabeth P. Gardiner, b. at East Greenwich in 1845, daughter of Amos J. and Catherine Gardiner of Lafayette; by his will, dated 25 Mar. 1893 and proved 16 Nov. 1894, he left all his property to his wife, Elizabeth P. Cranston, who was appointed sole executrix; they had a child, Lavina H., b. 10 Oct. 1868, d. 14 Aug. 1869. Perhaps Cyrus N. Cranston had other children.
- 2. Elizabeth B., for whom see *supra*, vol. 79, p. 346.
- vi. WILLIAM NORTHRUP, b. 19 May ———; d. after May 1839; m. SUSAN ———. He was elected justice of the peace for North Kingstown in May 1835 and in May 1839.

Children:

- 1. Esther,<sup>7</sup> b. in Dec. 1820; d. unm. 13 June 1866.
- 2. David, of North Kingstown, farmer, b. in 1830; d. in 1904; m. (1) 25 Nov. 1866 Hannah S. Taylor, b. in 1830, daughter of William and Mary Taylor of North Kingstown; m. (2) Mary A. ———, who, by his will, dated 26 Sept. 1894 and proved 18 Mar. 1904, was appointed sole executrix of his estate, all of which was bequeathed to her.

There was also a John D. Cranston of North Kingstown, who may have been a son of Samuel Northrup Cranston or of William Northrup Cranston. He married at Providence, R. I., 3 Jan. 1842, Amey S. Aldrich, and died intestate, Archibald B. Rice of Providence being appointed administrator of his estate 8 Mar. 1880.

Page 347, line 10 (No. 33). *For 6 read 26.*

Page 347, line 11 (No. 33). *For ESTHER ——— read ESTHER DYER, born at North Kingstown, R. I., 28 Mar. 176—, daughter of John and Bathsheba (Dunn) Dyer and granddaughter of Edward Dyer of North Kingstown. She married secondly ——— Healy, and thirdly John Cottrell, by whom she had three children. (Cf. record written by her nephew and printed in the Boston Evening Transcript of 28 Dec. 1925.)*

Page 347, lines 13–17 (No. 33, i). The name of the child of Jeremiah Cranston should be William S. Cranston (*not* William T. Cranston).

Page 347, line 17 (No. 33, i). *Add to the paragraph ending on this line the following:* He was elected justice of the peace for North Kingstown four times, for the years 1833–1836. He was probably the father of *Jeremiah H. Cranston*, who m. at Warwick, R. I., 26 Oct. 1846, Tamer Aldrich, daughter of Lyman Aldrich, deceased, and of *Mary Ann Cranston*, who m. at Warwick, 6 Feb. 1853, Albert R. Johnson, aged 19, son of James Johnson.





Page 347, line 22 (No. 34). For 26 Apr. — read 28 Mar. 17—.

Page 347, line 23 (No. 34). For John and Abigail (Rose) Congdon read John and Dorcas Congdon. For the sentence beginning with the words She is mentioned read John Congdon, son of Joseph of North Kingstown, in his will dated 21 Apr. 1801, mentioned his sons John and William, his daughters Dorcas Potter, Freeloove Congdon, and Martha Watson, wife of Simon, three grandchildren, children of his son Caleb, and his daughter Abigail Cranston, wife of William Cranston. The town records show that these sons and daughters were the children of John and Dorcas Congdon.

Pages 348–349 (Nos. 35 and 36). Although the writer has so far discovered no document to prove the relationship which he here suggests, he is convinced from bits of information gathered from various members of this family that Samuel Cranston (36) was a son, and not a brother, of Caleb Cranston (35). William McIntyre Cranston (59), whose letter is quoted under No. 36, was probably correct in stating that his father, Samuel Cranston, was his grandfather's eldest son; but in drawing up his pedigree he failed to discover that there were two Calebs in the line instead of one. This is a common occurrence when two persons of the same name occur in succession in an ancestral line. In support of this hypothesis, one member of this family recalls the fact that Samuel Cranston's sister Eleanor, whom he visited in Rhode Island, was Eleanor Devereux; and a granddaughter of Samuel Cranston also remembers that her father often spoke of Williams relatives. According to the record previously printed under No. 35, which was obtained several years ago from a different source, one daughter of Caleb Cranston, Jr., married a Devereux, and another married a Williams. In the absence of documents this evidence seems almost conclusive.

There is evidence also that Caleb Cranston (35) had another son, for in a deed, dated 1 Dec. 1817, Caleb Cranston of North Kingstown conveyed land to Peter B. Cranston, presumably a son named for his grandfather, Peter Burlingame.

In order to make clear the changes suggested above and to present a few additional facts that have been discovered, the account of Caleb Cranston (35) has been rewritten, as follows:

CALEB<sup>5</sup> CRANSTON (*Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Jamestown, R. I., in 1772 (or possibly a year or two earlier, as his age at death may be open to question), died 5 Sept. 1829, aged 57 [?] years. He married, probably about 1789, SARAH BURLINGAME, born in 1773, died 2 Jan. 1842, aged 68 years, daughter of Peter and Patience Burlingame.

By a deed dated 10 Jan. 1794 Peter Burlingame and his wife Patience conveyed land to Caleb Cranston, Jr. From 1799 to 1801 Caleb Cranston, Jr., was second lieutenant of the North Kingstown Rangers, and captain of the same company from 1802 to 1804. By a deed dated 29 Dec. 1800 Peter Burlingame conveyed land in North Kingstown to "my daughter Sarah Cranston, wife of Caleb Cranston, Junior." On 5 Feb. 1803 Caleb Cranston and his wife Sarah sold land to John Brown.

Children:

36. i. SAMUEL,<sup>6</sup> b. 4 Sept. 1790.
- ii. PETER B. (probably a son of No. 35), living 1 Dec. 1817.
- iii. MARY,
- iv. PATIENCE POTTER,
- v. ABIGAIL,
- vi. RUTH,
- vii. SARAH ANN (probably a daughter of No. 35), m. at Pawtucket, R. I., LEONARD WILLIAMS (*Providence Journal* of 5 Jan. 1829).
- viii. ELEANOR, m. ——— DEVEREUX.

Page 348, line 36 (No. 36). The ancestral line in the account of Samuel Cranston (36) should now read:

36. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> CRANSTON (*Caleb*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>).

Page 351, line 6 (No. 38). Below this line insert, as a new paragraph, the following: Administration on the estate of Thomas Cranston, deceased, intestate, was granted, 13 May 1793, to Anna Cranston, widow of the deceased. The





will of Ann Cranston, widow, mentions her son Thomas Cranston (64) and his wife Alice, to whom she left "all the rents and profits of my homestead Farm where I now live," and their six children, Eldred, Thomas, Samuel, Gardner, Abigail Ann, and Rhoda, her daughter Mary Brown, wife of Gould Brown, to whom she left a house and lot on Church Street in North Kingstown that came to her from her father, Samuel Sweet, and her daughter Rhoda Carr, wife of William Carr.

Page 354, line 39 (No. 43). *For before 1825 read in 1816.*

Page 354, line 47 (No. 43). *Below this line insert, as a new paragraph, the following:* In his will, dated 19 Apr. 1816 and proved 2 Dec. 1816, he bequeathed \$25 to his daughter Lydia Salisbury, \$25 to the heirs of his son Thomas, deceased, \$25 to his son Lewin, and to his daughter Rachel Cranston all his real estate remaining after the payment of all his debts and the above-mentioned legacies. His pew in the Baptist Church he left to his son Lewin and his daughter Rachel, the latter being appointed executrix.

Page 354, lines 49-51 (No. 43, i). Pardon and Lydia (Cranston) Salisbury probably had other children, one of whom, *Almira*, died unm. about 1894, aged about 90 years.

Page 355, line 6 (No. 44). The statement that Mrs. Mary Bowen, wife of Benjamin Cranston, was the widow of Reuben Bowen is based on the notes of the late Mrs. Louise Snow (Prosser) Bates (see REGISTER, vol. 79, p. 247), who wrote that she *may have been* the widow of Reuben Bowen, but the writer has been unable to find any other authority for the statement. The fact that she was called "Mrs." in the record of her marriage does not necessarily mean that she was a widow, for in the records of that period women who have not been married are often styled "Mrs.," that is, "Mistress," a title of respect.

Page 355, line 43 (No. 46). *Before He insert the following sentence:* Guardianship of Peleg Cranston was granted 1 Mar. 1784 to his brother Benjamin (44).

Page 356, line 49 (No. 48, vii). *After 1852 insert comma and add* son of Daniel and Eunice (Gardner) Smith. Augustus and Susan (Cranston) Smith are buried in the Smith family burying ground at Hancock, Mass.

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Page 30, lines 18-29 (No. 50, i). *Substitute for these lines the following corrected account of the family of William Walter Cranston:*

- i. WILLIAM WALTER,<sup>7</sup> boat builder, b. at Newport 17 Mar. 1804 and bapt., with his mother, Lydia (Jacobs) Cranston, in the First Congregational Church there 1 June 1806; drowned 1 June 1847; m. at New Bedford, 18 Nov. 1827, LYDIA GARDINER HAFARDS, b. 1 Sept. 1807, d. 3 Aug. 1867, daughter of Jonathan Haffards, who was one of the founders of the Unitarian Society of New Bedford.

Children, b. at New Bedford:

1. *Mary*,<sup>8</sup> b. 25 Oct. 1829; d. 1 June 1833.
2. *Orville Dewey*, b. 15 Oct. 1831; d. 1 Oct. 1835.
3. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 25 Oct. 1833; d. 29 June 1909; m. 23 Nov. 1856 George Washington Choate, son of John Choate. Children (surname Choate): (1) Marian Putnam, b. 17 Apr. 1858; d. 14 Jan. 1872. (2) Susan Parker, b. 12 Aug. 1865; m. 8 July 1901 Nathaniel L. Stebbins, who d. in 1923, son of Rufus P. Stebbins. (3) Helen Baker, b. 1 Dec. 1868; living unm. in 1925. (4) Jeanette Hunter, b. 18 Apr. 1871; living unm. in 1925.
4. *Orville Walter*, b. 4 Mar. 1836; d. at New Bedford 14 Dec. 1901; m. Abbie G. Stowell, b. 10 Sept. 1839, d. 16 May 1882. For their descendants see REGISTER, vol. 80, p. 30, footnote.
5. *Sarah Hathaway*, b. 20 Oct. 1838; d. unm. 21 Nov. 1898.





6. *Rhoby Anna*, b. 1 Feb. 1845; living at Apponaug, R. I., in 1925; m. 9 July 1873 Robert Crossman Ingraham, who d. in 1901, just after his fiftieth election as librarian of the Free Public Library of New Bedford. Child (surname *Ingraham*): (1) Jane Terry, A.B. (Radcliffe, 1899), b. 1 Sept. 1877; m. in 1905 Henry H. Thurston; no children.

7. *Lydia Jacobs*, b. 25 Oct. 1847; d. unm. 5 July 1915.

Page 33, line 47 (No. 52, ii). *After 1886 insert, as a new sentence, the following:*  
A Catherine Matilda Cranston m. at Coventry, R. I., 16 Apr. 1848, John Arnold Wait (Arnold's Vital Records of Rhode Island).

Pages 35-37. Nos. 57 to 61, inclusive, belong properly in the seventh generation, and the ancestral line of these five heads of families should read: (*Samuel*,<sup>6</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>). *Vide supra*, p. 262, where the writer states the reasons for his conviction that Samuel Cranston (36) was a son, and not a brother, of Caleb Cranston (35).

Page 35, line 16 (No. 57). *For at Hoosick Falls, N. Y., in 1893 read at the home of his son-in-law, Lieut. Franklin Prindle, U. S. N., at Charlestown, Mass., in 1893.*

Page 35, line 18 (No. 57). *For at Hoosick Falls in 1881 read at the home of her son-in-law, Lieut. Franklin Prindle, U. S. N., in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1881.*

Page 35, line 19 (No. 57). *After Hoosick Falls insert comma and add N. Y.*

Page 35, lines 24-25 (No. 57, iii). *For at Hoosick Falls in 1892; m. FRANK PRINDLE read at Charlestown in 1892; bur. at Hoosick Falls; m. LIEUT. FRANKLIN PRINDLE, U. S. N.*

Page 38, line 5 (No. 64, ii). *For this line substitute the following:*

- ii. THOMAS, b. at Wickford in 1801; d. in Michigan in 1890; m. his first cousin, ELIZABETH ELDREDGE (or ELDRED), b. in Vermont 13 June 1807, d. in 1879, daughter of John and Martha (Brown) Eldredge (or Eldred).

Children:

1. *Alstead*.<sup>8</sup>
2. *Samuel Chastain*.
3. *Gardiner*, said to be living at Belmont, Mich., in 1926; m. Sarah Wells, daughter of Robert and Laura (Richardson) Wells. Child: (1) Clarence,<sup>9</sup> said to be living at Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1926.

Page 38, line 19 (No. 64, x). *After Jillson add of Willimantic, Conn.*

Page 38, line 20 (No. 64, x). *After 1893 insert comma and add son of Asa Jillson.*

Page 52, lines 44-49 (No. 88, iii). *For these lines substitute the following:*

Children (surname *Klair*), b. at "The Mermaid," near Stanton, Del.:

1. *Evalina*, b. in Aug. 1860; m. at Stanton, 24 Feb. 1885, George A. Richardson, son of Thaddeus R. Richardson. Nine children, most of whom are married and have children.
2. *A. Francis*, b. 24 July 1863; m. at Foggs Manor, Pa., 13 Feb. 1889, Annie Laurie Armor. Two children.
3. *Adaline*, b. in Aug. 1865; m. at Red Clay Creek Church, Del., 3 Sept. 1918, Delsworth M. Buckingham, son of R. G. Buckingham. No children.
4. *Ella C.*, b. 17 July 1867; m. at the parsonage of Red Clay Creek Church, Del., 3 Dec. 1889, Everett Guest, who d. 20 Dec. 1920, son of Palmer Guest. Two children, both of whom are married.
5. *Evan H.*, b. 3 Mar. 1870; m. at Townsend, Del., in May 1895, Ida F. Stanert. Six children, two of whom are married.

Page 143. No. 99 belongs properly in the eighth generation, and his ancestral line should read: (*Caleb Gould*,<sup>7</sup> *Samuel*,<sup>6</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>5</sup> *Caleb*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Gov. Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Gov. John*<sup>1</sup>). *Vide supra*, corrections to Nos. 57-61, and also *supra*, p. 262, corrections to Nos. 35 and 36.





salesman and porter at 24 Dock Square, Boston. As he lived in Boston in 1873, his residence in Holbrook was probably later.

Children:

- 54. i. FREDERICK ELLSWORTH,<sup>7</sup> b. at South Weymouth 4 June 1864.
- 55. ii. GEORGE ELMER, b. in Boston 10 May 1876.

42. EDWARD WINSLOW<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*George Allen*,<sup>5</sup> *Benjamin*,<sup>4</sup> *William*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), provision dealer, born at East Braintree in Jan. 1862, died there 5 Feb. 1908. He married at East Braintree, 6 Feb. 1884, LULA HOWE TEELE, born in South Boston 15 Nov. 1864, died at Roxbury 22 Sept. 1904, daughter of Daniel Webster and Frances Elizabeth (Howe) Teele.

He resided in Braintree and East Braintree, 1887-1892, Boston, Allston, and Roxbury, 1893-1905, and Dorchester, 1906-1908.

Children:

- i. GLADYS,<sup>7</sup> b. at East Braintree 10 Aug. 1885; living in 1922; m. in Boston, 8 Sept. 1914, ARTHUR EDWARD ROGERS, b. at Dorchester 5 Oct. 1878, living in 1922, s. of Thomas and Elizabeth of England, Mr. Rogerson being the only child of his father's family who was born in the United States. He is a salesman and manager in the bank-fittings business. Residence in 1922, Quincy. Two children. (Private sources.)
- ii. MILDRED, b. in Jan. 1887; d. in Mar. 1887.

43. GEORGE BASS<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*Grenville*,<sup>5</sup> *Galen*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), of Waltham, stonemason, born at Ashland 25 June 1848, died at Waltham 21 Mar. 1917. He married, 30 May 1871, ELLEN MARIA LELAND of Sherborn, born 20 Dec. 1852, living in 1922, daughter of Artemas and Eliza (P——).

He lived in Ashland as late as 1878.

Children:

- i. LILLIAN ELIZABETH,<sup>7</sup> b. at Ashland 4 Nov. 1870; living at Dorchester in 1922; m. (1) at Upton, 21 Mar. 1889, WILLIAM WALLACE CRAWFORD, b. at St. John, N. B., 2 Mar. 1867, d. at Beverly 21 Dec. 1914, s. of James Herbert and Elizabeth (Robinson); m. (2) in Boston, 11 Apr. 1918, WILBUR GEORGE BLAISDELL, b. at Brewer, Me., 9 July 1878, living in 1922, s. of James W. and Mary A. (Haskell). One child by first husband. (Private sources.)
- ii. MABEL REBECCA, b. at Sherborn 14 Jan. 1873; living in 1922; m. at Milford, 7 Mar. 1891, ERLAND ASA STEVENS, b. at Auburn, Me., 3 Apr. 1871, living in 1922, s. of Philip Frank and Mary Lucette (de Crenay). They were divorced 27 June 1918. Three children. (Private sources.)
- iii. SARAH SABIN, b. at Ashland 6 June 1875; living in 1922; m. in Boston, 4 Nov. 1908, HARRY ELIJAH COOK, b. at Mohawk, N. Y., 13 June 1872, living in 1922, s. of Ransom Dwight and Mary E. (Wilson) Cook. Residence, Washington, D. C. One child. (Private sources.)
- iv. FANNIE FLORENCE, of Boston, milliner, b. at Ashland 28 June 1877; living unm. in 1922.

44. AZELL CARTER<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*Azell*,<sup>5</sup> *Horace*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), of Somerville, florist, born in Boston 11 Feb. 1828, died at Somerville 30 Mar. 1899. He married in Boston, 20 Nov. 1853, CHARLOTTE MARIA STANDISH, born at Suffolk,





Conn., 29 Aug. 1832, died at Somerville 19 May 1895, daughter of Miles and ——— (Allen).

He was in business at first with his father, Azell Bowditch (28), *q.v.*, later in Cambridgeport, and, after 1868, in Somerville. The name of his firm was A. C. Bowditch & Company.

Children:

56. i. JAMES LUCAS,<sup>7</sup> b. in Boston 29 Sept. 1856.
- ii. FLORENCE ADELAIDE, d. 10 Nov. 1921; m. ALBERT THOMAS CANN of Boston.
- iii. ELLA OTIS, living in 1922; m. FREEMAN RISING, and moved West.
- iv. AZELL CARTER, b. in Boston 3 Sept. 1854; d., probably unm., at Somerville about 1884.

45. HENRY HORACE<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*Azell,<sup>5</sup> Horace,<sup>4</sup> Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), of Dorchester, painter, born in Boston 3 Sept. 1830, died at Dorchester 31 May or 1 June 1902. He married, about 1854, ELIZABETH COLLINS, born at Roxbury 16 Oct. 1838, died at Dorchester 20 or 22 Feb. 1917.

In 1854 he is listed as a painter, in 1858–1871 as a gardener and florist, and in 1872–1902 as a painter and repairer. His business was in Boston, his residence in Boston, Roxbury, Dorchester, and Somerville. One of his children was born at Dedham.

Children:\*

- i. ELIZABETH FRANCIS,<sup>7</sup> b. at Dedham 8 Oct. 1855; living unm. at Dorchester in 1923.
57. ii. CHARLES HENRY (or CHARLES HORACE), b. at Roxbury 8 Aug. 1858.

46. WILLIAM EARLE<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*Azell,<sup>5</sup> Horace,<sup>4</sup> Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), of Dorchester, florist, born at Roxbury [?] 27 Mar. 1842, was living in California in 1922. He married in New York City, in 1867, MARTHA CURTIS DOWNE, born at Dorchester, England, 15 Sept. 1847, living in 1922, daughter of John and Betsy.

He took over his father's business in 1867 and later turned it over to his son. He retired from business some years ago.

Children:

- i. JOSEPHINE EARLE,<sup>7</sup> of Brookline, nurse and Christian Science practitioner, b. about 1871; living unm. in 1922.
58. ii. WILLIAM CURTIS, b. at Roxbury [?] 19 Aug. 1877.
- iii. GEORGE DOWNE, electrician, b. in Jan. 1879; living unm. at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1922.
- iv. ELIZA, b. at Roxbury 12 Mar. 1881; living in 1922; m. at New Castle, Pa., 8 July 1904, CHARLES WARREN DANFORTH, chemist, b. at Tyngsborough 12 Aug. 1879, living in 1922. Residence, Youngstown, Ohio. Four children. (Private sources.)

47. HORACE EUGENE<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*Horace,<sup>5</sup> Horace,<sup>4</sup> Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), of Augusta, Me., druggist, real-estate dealer, born at Augusta 30 Apr. 1853, was living there in 1924. He married at Hallowell, Me., 23 Nov. 1909, LUCY MARY EVELETH, born at Mechanic Falls, Me., 30 Aug. 1871, living in

\*Henry Horace Bowditch had also an adopted daughter, Mary Elizabeth Muldoon, born in 1876, died unm. in 1907.





1924, daughter of Dr. John Marshall and Lucy Ellen (Douglass) Eveleth of Hallowell.

He was for many years a druggist at Augusta, but has retired from that business and has gone into the real-estate business. He is also a trustee of the Augusta Trust Company and secretary of the State Park Commission.

Children:

- i. OLIVE EVELETH,<sup>7</sup> b. at Augusta 18 Mar. 1911; living in 1924.
- ii. RUTH ABBOTT, b. at Portland, Me., 15 Nov. 1915; living in 1924.

48. THOMAS HENRY<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*Thomas Jefferson*,<sup>5</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), of Troy, N. Y., blacksmith, born at Troy 20 Nov. 1850, died there 11 June 1906. He married at Troy, 10 Feb. 1874, MARY EMMA FAIRCHILD, born at Kinderhook, N. Y., 18 May 1855, living at Saratoga, N. Y., in 1922, daughter of Walter B. and Catherine M. (Simmons).

Children, born at Troy:\*

- i. WALTER J.,<sup>7</sup> b. 21 Dec. 1874; d. 22 Feb. 1880; bur. in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy.
- ii. ELIZABETH ADELE, b. 1 Aug. 1877; d. 4 Nov. 1882; bur. in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy.

49. JOHN FRANCIS<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*John*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), of Roxbury, brush manufacturer, born at Braintree 17 Oct. 1847, is living in 1925. He married first, in Boston, 30 Nov. 1876, SARAH ANN CHILDS, born at Clinton 5 Jan. 1841, died in Boston 6 May 1906, daughter of Ira Goodell and Abbie (Wilder) Childs; and secondly, in Boston, in Nov. 1910, EMMA PAMELIA (CHILDS) WHITE, born at Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H., 31 Oct. 1849, died at Hyde Park 23 Aug. 1918, daughter of Rev. Rufus and Pamela Perrin (Hobart) Childs and widow of Adoniram White.

He began business in Boston in the fall of 1876. Before that time he was a bookkeeper. His places of residence have been Braintree, Beachmont, Revere, Boston, North Pembroke, and Roxbury.

Child by first wife:

- 59. i. JOHN CLINTON,<sup>7</sup> b. at Beachmont 4 Nov. 1878.

50. EDGAR JAMES<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*John*,<sup>5</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), farmer, born at Jefferson, S. Dak., 7 Mar. 1875, died at Sioux City, Iowa, 14 Nov. 1907. He married, in July —, FANNIE LOUISA TUTTLE, born in Silver Hen Township, Union Co., S. Dak., 2 Jan. 1881, died at Elk Point, Clay Co., S. Dak., 26 Mar. —, daughter of J. L. and S. C. (Hill) Tuttle.

Children:

- i. IVA,<sup>7</sup> b. in Silver Hen Township, S. Dak., 8 Oct. 1900; living at Huron, S. Dak., in 1922; m. at Huron, 24 Dec. 1921, HERMAN ROBERT LAMBERT, b. at Minneapolis, Minn., 17 Nov. 1897, living in 1922, s. of Robert and Antone (Vilka). (Private sources.)
- ii. SADIE, b. at Elk Point, S. Dak., 6 Dec. 1902; living unm. at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1922.

\*Thomas Henry Bowditch had also an adopted daughter, Marjorie Terwilliger, who married — Lane.





51. WILLIAM CURTIS<sup>6</sup> BOWDITCH (*William,<sup>5</sup> Joseph,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), of St. Johnsbury, Vt., painter, born at Lyndon, Vt., 2 Feb. 1861, died at St. Johnsbury 26 Mar. 1904. He married at Cabot, Vt., 26 Feb. 1891, HELEN EMOGENE BAKER, born at Marshfield, Vt., 30 Dec. 1855, died at St. Johnsbury 26 Oct. 1906, daughter of William and Surrintha E. (Webster) of Cabot.

Child:

- i. LEAH LOUISE,<sup>7</sup> b. at Cabot, Vt., 30 June 1892; living in 1923; m. in Boston, 6 Dec. 1921, DR. DEANE PETTIS TAGGART of Greenfield, dentist, b. at Miller's Falls 22 Oct. 1882, living in 1923, s. of John Adams and N. Augusta (King) Taggart. (Private sources.)

52. EDWIN COLMAN<sup>7</sup> BOWDITCH (*Edwin,<sup>6</sup> William,<sup>5</sup> William,<sup>4</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), of Melrose, carpenter, born at Scituate 12 Sept. 1862, was living in 1922. He married in East Boston CHRISTINA McLEAN, born in Cape Breton 22 July 1863, living in 1922, daughter of Allan and Barbara.

Children, born in East Boston:

- i. ETHEL CLIFTON,<sup>8</sup> b. 4 Apr. 1887; living at Melrose in 1922; m. GEORGE E. HOYT, b. at Barrington, N. H., 12 Feb. 1891. Two children. (Private sources.)
- ii. GLADYS MARIE, b. 19 Mar. 1889; living at Melrose in 1922; m. DR. B. MORTON SWAIN, b. at Barrington, N. H., 22 Jan. 1891, d. 27 Jan. 1920, s. of Llewellyn and Carrie (H——). One child. (Private sources.)
- iii. HERBERT COLMAN, of Melrose, bank clerk, b. 11 Aug. 1892; living in 1922; m. at Melrose, 4 June 1917, EDNA MAY WILKINSON, b. at Everett 26 Dec. 1892, living in 1922, dau. of John B. and Katherine I. (Burrows) of Melrose.

Child:

1. Elizabeth C.,<sup>9</sup> b. at Melrose 16 Mar. 1918; living in 1922.

53. ARTHUR HUNNEWELL<sup>7</sup> BOWDITCH (*Charles Albert,<sup>6</sup> Alexander,<sup>5</sup> James,<sup>4</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), of Brookline, architect, born in Boston 12 May 1870, was living in 1924. He married at Brookline, 1 June 1893, ALICE DEWITT FOSTER, born at Brookline 12 Sept. 1868, living in 1922, daughter of Charles O. and Caroline Blanchard (Candler) of Brookline.

Since 1903 he has been a member of the firm of Bowditch & Stratton, architects, of Boston.

Child:

- i. WILLIAM CANDLER,<sup>8</sup> salesman, b. at Brookline 16 Nov. 1894; living unm. in 1922.

54. FREDERICK ELLSWORTH<sup>7</sup> BOWDITCH (*Frederick Henry,<sup>6</sup> Adoniram J.,<sup>5</sup> Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> William,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>*), of Dorchester, railroad conductor, born at South Weymouth 4 June 1864, was living in 1922. He married in South Boston, 4 June 1889, MARY A. SANBORN, born in Boston in 1869, of a New Hampshire family.

In 1887 he was listed as clerk, in 1892 as baggage master, Old Colony Railroad, and in 1897 as baggage master and in 1901 as conductor, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.





- Feb. 16, Tuesday. Miss Nancy Marsh handed me a letter . . . from Mrs. Sally C. Woolsey, giving an account of her mother's death, &c.
- Mar. 14, Sunday. I heard Mr. Winslow (a Missionary to Ceylon. He married Miss Lathrop, of Norwich).
- Mar. 16, Tuesday. Henry Tudor went to celebrate Lee Bliss's birthday.
- Mar. 27, Saturday. I went with Mrs. Tudor in a chaise to Windsor to attend the funeral of our cousin John Howard. Mrs. T. said she never saw a countenance so expressive of agony as Uncle Howard's, when he took the parting look at his son. . . . Prayer by the Rev. Henry A. Rowland. Oliver E. Williams Published to a Lady in North Providence, R. I.
- Apr. 22, Thursday. [At New York.] Died this day Mr. John Kane, aged 58 years. His funeral will be . . . to-morrow, at 277 Pearl St.
- Apr. 23, Friday. Attended the Funeral of Mr. John Kane. He was carried to the N. Dutch Church, corner of Fulton & Wm. Street, where we had a very impressive address from the Rev. Mr. Milledollar.  
In the evening Mr. Appleton Robbins informed me that he had 5 children: Allen, 24, George, 22, Eliza, 20, Mary, 18, Charlotte, 16, . . . that Eliza last summer married the Rev. Mr. Yale of Charlotte, Vermont.
- Apr. 28, Wednesday. Mr. Noah Welles said he was born March 18, 1755, & he was married in March. . . . He removed from E[ast] W[indsor] 24 years ago, and has moved five times; he has one son, John, and 4 daughters, & has lost 3 children; his son and two of his daughters are married; one married Mr. Mercer, the other Col. Son. . . . He lives in the village of Waterville, County of Delaware, State of N. York.
- Apr. 29, Thursday. Married yesterday Mr. Marcus Wilbur to Miss Catherine Cambell, dau. of Saml. Cambell, Esq.
- May 3, Monday. Saw Mr. John Williams of Cassanovia [sic], who married Mr. Leonard's oldest daughter, who married Peggy Field & has 9 children, 6 sons & 3 daughters, & lives in Pompia [sic], N. York. Mr. Williams married Betsey Leonard, who was 26 years old last September.
- May 9, Sunday. [At Hartford.] Mr. Jesse Charlton informed me that he has two children, a daughter & a Son, & has lost one child.
- May 15, Saturday. Mr. O. Thompson of Enfield informed me that he married Love Lusk about 3 years ago; that Sylvester Lusk . . . had 7 children; that his Father-in-law, Mr. Lusk, had his fourth wife.
- May 18, Tuesday. [At New York.] Mrs. Lemuel Hopkins informed me that her husband was born Aug. 15, 1750, & died April 14, 1800.
- May 25, Tuesday. I received Mrs. Tudor's letter of May 23d, informing me of and congratulating me on the birth of a fine son. . . . At ½ past 5 O. C. Sunday P.M. [May 23] Son [John Marsh Watson] was born.
- June 3, Thursday. My Uncle Howard died at 8 O. C. this morning [at East Windsor].
- June 4, Friday. Aunt Eunice [Watson] said that her daughter Jane Trumbull was blind and had nine children & that Ruth Hall had lost a son 8 years old.
- June 9, Wednesday. Nancy Marsh read from Betsey Chester's letter last week a very interesting account of Mrs. Phoenix's sudden death.
- June 16, Wednesday. Mr. Sigourney & Miss L. Huntley were married about 7½ O' C. A.M. by the Rev. Mr. Wainwright & Rev. Mr. Lee.
- June 22, Tuesday. Mary Ann Morgan born July 18, 1803.
- July 12, Monday. Mr. Nason of Freeport was killed in a hailstorm by the hail. A child of Mr. Wm. Robertson of Ballston, 18 months old, fell into a tub of water & was drowned. The stepmother of Mr. R. died, she was so much overcome by the death of the child.





- July 18, Sunday. Our Infant Son [John Marsh Watson] baptised by Doctr. Abel Flint. Miss [Mary] Terry said Simeon Kibbe was to be married next week. He is engaged to Lucy Barton.
- Aug. 17, Tuesday. [At New York.] Mr. H. B. Gibson at his store informed me that he was 35 years old and has a wife and 3 children.
- Aug. 18, Wednesday. Spent the evening with Mr. Timothy Whittemore [at Greenwich Village]. He has a wife & four children.
- Aug. 19, Thursday. Mr. Sterling informed me that Mr. Nicholas Jabine (a clerk to Mr. Lathrop) . . . died this morning.
- Aug. 20, Friday. Attended the funeral of Mr. Nicholas Jabine from the House of Mr. J. Lathrop, Jr., N. 91 William Street, & walked in Procession to Trinity Church. The Rev'd Mr. Milner read the Burial Service at the grave.
- Aug. 21, Saturday. Mr. Luther Pratt informed me . . . that he had a wife & six children, & that his sister Lucia lived with him.
- Aug. 23, Monday. Mr. P. Judson has 4 Daughters, Nancy, Eliza, Harriet, & Sarah, & 5 Sons, Philo, Mills, Edward, Sterling, & David Wm., & has lost his oldest son & youngest daughter.
- Aug. 31, Tuesday. I called on Mr. Arthur Tappan. . . . He has 3 Daughters & 2 Son. His second child is a Son.
- Sept. 27, Monday. [At Hartford.] Clarry Gains went to E. Hartford to see her mother, who was sick with typhoid fever. She died in the afternoon. Clarry has lost her Father & Mother, two Sisters, & two Brothers.
- Oct. 3, Sunday. [At Boston.] I called at Mr. Brimmer's. . . . Mr. Peter Wainwright called on me, & I went with him to Mrs. Howard's & spent the evening. She has three Daughters & a Son John.
- Oct. 5, Tuesday. J. B. Newton of Newport, R. I., informed me that he was 19 years old last Augt. or Septr.
- Oct. 7, Thursday. I took tea at Mr. Edmund Dwight's & spent the evening very pleasantly with his wife Mary, his son Samuel Eliot D., 9 years old, & his Daughter [Catherine] Atkins D., 3 years old.
- Oct. 11, Monday. [At Hartford.] In the evening I attended the wedding of the Rev'd Mr. Bingham to Miss Moseley, at the Brick Church.
- Nov. 21, Sunday. Clarry Gains . . . has lost her Father, Mr. John Gains, & her Mother, Mary Gains, her Brother Simeon, aged 18 years, & Wm., aged 3 mos., & her Sister Mary, aged 22 years, & Wealthy, aged 3 years, & has two Brothers & four Sisters now living: John, aged 26, Shubael, 12 years, Harriet, aged 20, Julia, 18, Lura, 15, & Sophia, 10 years of age. Henry Watson had a Son born at 2 O. C. A.M.

## 1820

- Mar. 19, Sunday. He [Rev. Joel Hawes] mentioned Samuel J. Mills, who set out on a mission to Africa with Mr. Burgess & died on his Passage.
- Mar. 21, Tuesday. I attended the funeral of Mr. Oliver Woodford's Son at 2 O. C. P.M., who was drowned . . . last Sunday. He was a very beautiful boy in his fourth year.
- Mar. 25, Saturday. Mrs. Tudor said that Mrs. Clere had a daughter.
- Mar. 30, Thursday. John Watson, 3d, called to-day. He was born Septr. 1793.
- May 25, Thursday. Left New York for Philadelphia. Put up at Mrs. Boyce's, opposite the Mansion House.
- May 26, Friday. [At Philadelphia.] Major Vandeventer, his Daughter, and Niece put up at Mrs. Boyce's. The Russian Consul General, Ivanoff, puts up at Mrs. Boyce's, but is now in Washington. Mrs. Boyce has 6 Children. Her oldest Son is sick with scarlet fever. Her oldest daughter looks pretty. Her third, fourth, & fifth are Sons, & her youngest a Daughter, nine years of age.





- May 28, Sunday. Dined & drank Tea at Mr. Charles Chauncey's. Saw 4 of Mr. Chauncey's Children, Charles, Susan, Hannah, & John. Elizabeth, the second, is in Albany.
- June 3, Saturday. [At Hartford.] Mr. E. Terry informed me that his Wife had a Daughter this Morning.
- June 6, Tuesday. Set out for West Stafford through Enfield & Somers. Saw Mr. Timothy Holton Returning. He said he was in his 78th year & had his 4th Wife.
- June 14, Wednesday. Rev'd Joshua Lane of Aurelius, Cayuga County, call'd A.M. . . . He has 7 children.
- June 26, Monday. Dr. McClure died yesterday about 3 O. C. P.M.
- June 27, Tuesday. I walked to E[ast] W[indsor] . . . & attended the funeral of the Revd. David McClure. . . . I called at Mrs. Wolcott's & rode home with her son-in-law, the Revd. Mr. Skinner of Berlin.
- Aug. 2, Wednesday. I set out for Boston in the stage. . . . Mr. King, stage proprietor at Vernon [Conn.], told me he received his Wound in the knee, which made it stiff, . . . in the Revolutionary War, when he was 15 years & 2 mos. old. He is now 55. His daughter, Miss Julia King, handsome. I observed that a King's daughter was a Princess. His Son Henry, who lives in H[artfor]d, married Capt. Hunt's daughter of Vernon.
- Aug. 6, Sunday. I received a Note from Mr. Brimmer that my Father & Mother Marsh were at his house. . . . I dined at Mr. Brimmer's. Lewis & Charles Tappan called to see Mr. & Mrs. Marsh. Lewis had a beautiful little girl with him, about 4 years old. He asked her if she knew that gentleman. She said it was great Uncle Marsh. [Mr. Marsh's sister Elizabeth married Rev. Benjamin Tappan.] Mrs. Marsh inform'd me that she stopped at Danverse [sic], a little South of Salem, to see Mr. Pool, a Son of Sally Perry (that was). He looked very much like his Grand Father Perry.
- Aug. 9, Wednesday. Left Boston in the mail stage. At Tolland Mrs. Eldridge & her Infant Daughter took a seat in the Stage. She inform'd us that she was Thomas Lee's Daughter of New Hartford, & that she was going to see her brother Henry, who lay at Point of Death with the Consumption.
- Aug. 11, Friday. There was about 110 at Miss Fortune's wedding. She was married last evening.
- Aug. 29, Tuesday. I saw Mr. Erastus Downer. . . . He informed me that he lived near Burlington, Vermt., & had a wife & 9 Children. & that his mother was living & about 76 years old, that his brother Edmund had 5 Children.
- Sept. 6, Wednesday. Mr. Frederick Sheldon had been to Middletown to see Miss Sebar, & is to be married to her in the autumn.
- Sept. 7, Thursday. Arrived at New York. I put up at Mr. [Roland] Lee's.
- Sept. 9, Saturday. Joseph Nichols said he was born March 25, 1773. Mr. S. Marsh informed me that the Rev'd Mr. Spring made an appointment to meet a younger brother at the Springs [? Saratoga], who was out of health, & from Andover Academy. . . . He so far recovered as to be able to return with the Rev'd Mr. Spring to this City [New York], & was now dead at his house.
- Sept. 17, Sunday. Mr. Wm. Forbes has lost 3 sisters within a few weeks.
- Oct. 29, Sunday. Rev'd James Harvey, A.M., born Friday, Feb. 26, 1713-14, at Hardingstone, near Northampton [England]. He died Dec. 25, 1758, in the 45th year of his age.
- Nov. 28, Tuesday. I call'd at Mr. G. Silliman's, N. 48 Cliff Street [New York]. . . . Mr. S. inform'd me he had 10 Children & had lost 4 Children. Daughter about 10 years old.
- Dec. 13, Wednesday. Mrs. Wm. W. Ellsworth had a son, A. M.





1821

- Jan. 8, Monday. My brother Henry had a Son, born A.M.
- Jan. 16, Tuesday. I attended the funeral of Normand Knox, Esq., at the Brick Church. Mr. Knox died Jan. 14, A.M.
- Jan. 26, Friday. Mr. Marsh sent Paul,\* Mr. Tisseron's old servant, for Mrs. Marsh. He brought his Wife, & has 6 Sons & 2 Daughters, & lives at Lyon in Ontario County, New York.
- Feb. 5, Monday. Mr. Orrin Cadwell . . . said . . . that Mr. Ebenr. Lattimer made the best prayer [at Wintonbury] last night that he ever heard. He is only 22 years old & has been keeping school at the southard.
- Feb. 9, Friday. N. Y. D. Advertiser . . . the afflicting news of Mrs. Hannah Chauncey's death on the 6th Instant. [She was Hannah Chester of Wethersfield.] Mrs. T. Chester much affected.
- Mar. 5, Monday. [At East Windsor.] My Mother informed me that Mrs. Brown was 45 years old & that when she was 18 her name was Isabella Furremgen . . . , from the Orkney Islands, Scotland.
- Mar. 25, Sunday. [At New York.] I called at Mrs. Hopkins & saw Nancy & Hopkins McC. Mrs. Hopkins had gone to see her sister & Mr. McCracken to Connecticut. Nancy Hopkins said her Uncle Stone came from Canada last winter & made them a visit.
- Mar. 29, Thursday. Mr. Geo. Charter, Jr., informed me that his Brother-in-law, Mr. Crandel, died suddenly in the night, and that his Brothers Nathaniel and Charles were in trade in Richmond, Virginia.
- Apr. 16, Monday. Rode to Wethersfield. Called at Mrs. Webb's. Eliza and Fanny were very much overcome with grief mentioning the death of their brother Thomas. [He died Mar. 30.]
- Apr. 26, Thursday. [At Boston.] Spent the evening at Mr. Charles Tappan's. He has 2 children, Charles, 9 years old, & Ann Maria, 7 years old.
- May 23, Wednesday. [At Boston.] Called at Mr. Perkins Nichols' in the evening. He has 1 Son & 3 Daughters. Harriet married Mr. Geo. Hall.
- June 18, Monday. [At Hartford.] Attended the funeral of Mrs. Sally Colt [wife of C. Colt of Hartford]. She died Sat. P.M., the 16th. . . . Mrs. Colt left 8 children, the youngest about 5 weeks old.
- June 22, Friday. [At East Windsor.] Called at Mr. N. Lyman's. Mrs. L. said she had 8 children living, and had lost 5 children, & that her brother Backus lived at Cincinnati.
- July 6, Friday. [At Windsor.] Call'd at Mr. John Gaylord's, saw him & his Son. He is 78 years old, his son 45.
- July 14, Saturday. Rode to E[ast] W[indsor]. Call'd to see Wm. Marble. He has 9 children, the youngest about 3 mos.
- July 23, Monday. A Powder Mill at Southwick was blown up July 13. A Son of Mr. Campbell Lee was killed.
- July 26, Thursday. Mrs. Watson & myself left home to visit Mrs. & Mr. Backus at Albany.
- July 31, Tuesday. Trumbull Backus Born Jan. 27, 1809. John C. Backus Born Sept. 3, 1810.
- Aug. 10, Friday. [At Hartford.] We took coffee at Mrs. Tudor's in company with Mr. & Mrs. Carow & two of their daughters, Mr. & Mrs. Sigourney [and others].
- Aug. 18, Saturday. Went to the Camp Meeting 10 miles East of Hartford. Saw Lorenzo Dow. . . . He said he was 44 years old.
- Aug. 25, Saturday. [At East Windsor.] Called at . . . & Wm. Marble's and left hymn and picture books . . . for Frederick Marble, 9 years

\*Peter Paul Landrus, valet of the Abbé Tisseron. The Abbé was a Frenchman who had come to Wethersfield some years before, bringing two boys, Charles and ——— Barton, to be educated in this country.





old, Mary Skinner Marble, 7 years old, and Julia Wolcott Marble, 3 years old. Saw Mr. Thomas Foster, 85 years old, . . . & Mr. Joel Ellsworth, 72 years old.

Sept. 13, Thursday. Returned from East Hartford about 11½, & Wm. informed me that his Grand Papa\* died this morning at 1 O. C.

Sept. 15, Saturday. We set out for Wethersfield . . . to attend the funeral of our Rev'd Father Marsh at the Meeting House. Sermon by the Revd. Doctr. Chapin. His character was very correctly delineated. The House was very full. The whole service about 3 hours.

Sept. 19, Wednesday. Saw . . . Mrs. Belinda Wells, formerly Belinda Bonner. She has lived in Chester, has lost two husbands & two Children, & has 3 Children living. She was bound to my father when she was 9 years old & lived with him till she was nearly 20, & was 48 years old last June.

Sept. 24, Monday. [At Boston.] Wm. Chadwick informed me that he had lost three Daughters and two sons & had only one child living, his youngest Son, Wm.

Dined at Mr. A[ndrew] Brimmer's, with Mr. Wm. Warner, Miss Elizabeth Tucker, Miss Susan Tucker, & Miss Susan Brimmer.

Sept. 26, Wednesday. I drank Tea at Miss Elizabeth Inches', N. 21 Common St., with a party of 22, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Martin Brimmer, Mr. Geo. Brimmer, Mr. M. Brimmer, Mrs. Green, Mrs. & Mr. Bond, &c.

Sept. 27, Thursday. Mr. A. Brimmer told Mr. James Dwight he was born in February, 1745.

Oct. 17, Wednesday. [At New York.] I call'd on Mr. S. N. Waldo, Pine Street. . . . He informed me that he had lost 2 Sons & 2 Daughters, & had 2 Sons & 2 Daughters living, his oldest Daughter 13 years old.

Oct. 30, Tuesday. [At Hartford.] I was told that Mr. Jacob Sargeant's Son was brought home from N. Y. this morning to be buried. . . . Attended the Funeral of Mr. Jacob Sargeant, Jr.

Dec. 12, Wednesday. Attended the Funeral of Miss Sarah Russ, aged 19 years. She died the 8th inst, at 2 O. C. A.M. Revd. Mr. Wheaton read the Burial Service at the Grave. It was a large funeral.

Dec. 20, Thursday. Doctr. A. Bancraft s'd his Wife had lost 15 Brothers & Sisters and had now only one left. . . . His Son John was cast away about March, 1821.

## 1822

Jan. 5, Saturday. Wm. Marble's Wife . . . informed me that she had Nine Children, Laura, 8 months old, Julia Wolcott, 3 years, Mary Skinner, 7 years, Frederick, 9 years, put out, Danforth, 12 years, put out, Almira, 14 years, put out, Emily, 16 years, put out, Wm., 18 years, & Maria, 20 years, married. Her name was Rudge, her Brother, Emmons Rudge, lives in Hartford, ¼ mile west of the South Meeting House.

Jan. 12, Saturday. Abby and Lydia [Marsh] came in a sleigh and took home Caroline Bulkley. She is daughter to Mr. Stephen Bulkley, and has a brother younger named George Rose Bulkley.

Feb. 7, Thursday. [At New York.] I went to Mr. Hillyer's, North Moore St.; saw Mrs. H. & her three sons, James, 7 years old, Mumford, about 4 years, & Wheaton, 10 months old.

\*Rev. John Marsh, A.B. (Harvard, 1761), A.M. (ib., 1764), honorary M.A. (Yale, 1774), S.T.D. (Harvard, 1806). He was born at Haverhill, Mass., 2 Nov. 1742, the son of David and Mary (Moody) Marsh and one of a family remarkable for longevity (see REGISTER, vol. 1, p. 196). He married, 6 Dec. 1775, Anne Grant, daughter of Ebenezer and Anne (Ellsworth) Grant of East Windsor, and had seven children. He was a fellow of Yale College from Sept. 10, 1801, to Sept. 12, 1820, and was pastor at Wethersfield for over forty-seven years.





- Feb. 16, Saturday. Mr. Thomas Belden . . . said that Robert Watkinson would be the richest man in Connecticut. . . . He [Mr. Belden] has 3 Sons & 3 Daughters.
- Feb. 19, Tuesday. I spent the evening at Capt. Wm. H. Merry's. Saw Mrs. Merry, . . . Charles Merry, his Son, & his daughter, 4 years old. Capt. Merry was very pleasant. He has 5 Sons & one Daughter. Mr. Thomas Belden informed me . . . that he was now Sixty.
- Feb. 20, Wednesday. Mr. E. Ellsworth gave me a list of the Members of Dr. Spring's Church, 672, & "the Sunday School Visitor," giving the History of his Adopted Son, about 5 years old, who calls him Father.
- Feb. 28, Thursday. Mr. W. E. Ellsworth informed me that he was 32 years old and had been married 18 months.
- Mar. 5, Tuesday. I left New York in the Packet. . . . Doctr. Foot [of New Haven], his Wife, & Daughter on board. He informed me that he had a Daughter married last August & removed to the south County in Delaware, Sussex, that it was very unhealthy there, & his Daughter died in about six weeks.
- Mar. 12, Tuesday. Mrs. Wm. Brown had one Son and four daughters, Wm., Mary Ann, Clarissa, Wealthy, and Margaret.
- Mar. 19, Tuesday. Walter Mitchell, Esq., Informed me that Mr. James Dwight died this day.
- Apr. 5, Friday. [At East Windsor.] The Funeral of Mr. Elihu Wolcott's Wife was attended at the Meeting House.
- Apr. 10, Wednesday. Fanny Webb informed Mrs. Watson that Doct. Edward Barton died last Decr. (at Genoa, Miss Marsh said).
- Apr. 15, Monday. The Rev'd Joseph Steward died at 3 O. C. P.M.
- May 14, Tuesday. I attended the Funeral of Miss Mary Boardman, P.M.
- May 18, Saturday. Set out for Haddam & put up at Doct. Andrew Fernando Warner's. He married Miss Cone of Colchester, & has two Sons, Selden Cone, 3½ years, & Andrew, 16 Months old.
- May 28, Tuesday. Mrs. Watson & myself went to E[ast] W[indsor] to attend Nancy Watson's & Mr. Wm. Hall's, Jr., Wedding. They were married by the Rev. Mr. Wheaton. . . . Present: J. Watson, Jr., & his Wife & 6 children, Henry Watson & his Wife & 5 Children, etc.
- May 31, Friday. Mr. Wm. Wadsworth gave me an account of his Wife's last sickness & death. . . . He has six Children, 2 Sons & 4 Daughters.
- June 5, Wednesday. Mr. Gallaudet & Mr. Wm. Ely both had Sons born Monday, June 3.
- June 10, Monday. [At Berlin.] Mr. Wright took passage with me [to New York], who married Mr. Norton's Daughter.
- June 14, Friday. [At New York.] Mr. Samuel Raynolds informed me that he had four sisters & one brother, Peter; that three of his Sisters were married.
- June 26, Wednesday. [At Hartford.] Funeral of Mrs. S. G. Goodrich.
- June 29, Saturday. Mr. E. Terry informed me that he had a Daughter born yesterday morning at 2 O. C.
- July 3, Wednesday. We went to Wethersfield and attended the Funeral of Wid[ow] Ezekiel Williams.
- Aug. 4, Sunday. Prayers were requested for Mr. Howell and his Son and for Mr. & Mrs. Sargeant, that the death of their brother might be Sanctified to them.
- Aug. 17, Saturday. Saw Mr. Simeon Cooley of Vernon. . . . He informed me that he was 49 years old last July & had only one Son & one Daughter. His Son is 22 years old.
- Aug. 27, Tuesday. [At Greenfield, Mass.] . . . Mrs. Chapman has 3 Daughters & two Sons, George & Henry; they are both in Lexington, Kentucky.





- Aug. 28, Wednesday. [At Bellows Falls, Vt.] Stopped at Wm. Hall, Esq.'s. . . . Mr. Hall's 2 first wives were sisters. He has three Daughters, Marcia, Lucia, Martha, & one son, Frederick, & has lost one Son, Henry, about 8 years of age, about 6 years ago. Miss Susan Hills, sister to his 2 first wives, lives in his Family. There is a nephew in his family; John Bartlet, about 19 years of age.
- Aug. 29, Thursday. Mr. Hall has 3 brothers, Frederick, Daniel, & Caleb, and one half brother and 3 half sisters. His father lives in Grafton and is infirm — a clergyman.
- Aug. 30, Friday. I saw Mr. Thomas Gleason at Keene, who informed me that he was about 63 years of age. . . . He now lives in Cavendish, Vermont.
- Oct. 28, Monday. [At Hartford.] Dr. Sheldon informed me that he should be 72 years of age on the first day of November next.
- Nov. 19, Tuesday. Mr. Samuel Tudor died at 8 O. C. P.M., in his 86 year. Born June 22, 1737, O. S.
- Nov. 29, Friday. Mr. James H. Wells called. Mr. Wells s'd his Wife had a Daughter last Monday.
- Dec. 2, Monday. Rev. Samuel Whittlesey called at my Store P.M., & said he was in his 47th year.
- Dec. 15, Sunday. Mrs. Watson attended the Funeral of Elizabeth Joanna Boardman.
- Dec. 27, Thursday. Mary Bruce said her Father was 66 years old.

## 1823

- Jan. 15, Wednesday. Mrs. Lewis of Middletown, once Martha Starr, call'd at the Store.
- Jan. 17, Friday. We drank Tea at Mr. T. Chester's. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Chester and their four daughters were present.
- Jan. 18, Saturday. To Wethersfield. Saw Mr. & Mrs. John Williams & 3 of their Children, the youngest.
- Jan. 21, Tuesday. Mrs. Tudor informed us that Mr. Wm. W. Ellsworth's youngest child, Elizabeth, . . . died about 4 O. C. yesterday P.M. (it was about 3 months old), & that Pinkney, about 9 years old, was unwell.
- Jan. 22, Wednesday. Mrs. Webster was buried at E[ast] W[indsor] yesterday.
- Jan. 25, Saturday. Last week I met Mr. John Cooley of Springfield. I mentioned the sudden death of Mr. James Dwight [Mar. 19, 1822].
- Feb. 2, Sunday. Mr. Thomas Williams asked me the age of my father. I said he was in his 80th year. Mr. Thomas Day observed that he was the youngest looking octogenarian that he ever saw.
- Feb. 5, Wednesday. Elizabeth went to spend the evening with Lucy Morgan, to keep her birthday; she is 11 years old this day.
- Feb. 7, Friday. Wm. Brown will be 14 years of age April 9, 1823. He goes to Mr. Landers at the Stone School house.
- Feb. 18, Tuesday. Capt. Oliver Smith call'd at my store and said he had lost his Uncle S. Tudor, his Sister, and his Father, . . . and was now returning from the funeral of his Sister, & two or three weeks ago was called to New York to see his Daughter, who was dangerously sick. She married Mr. David B. Brooks of N. Y., N. 93 Bow[e]ry. He has two Daughters not married; his only Son he lost.
- I called on Mr. E. Wells, . . . son to Mr. Elisha Wells of E[ast] W[indsor], who has 2 Sons & 2 Daughters. Mr. E. Wells of this city s'd he had 2 Sons & 3 Daughters.
- Feb. 24, Monday. O. Cadwell has 4 Children; P. Parsons has two.
- Mar. 1, Saturday. Wm. Ramsay Brown's mother [of East Windsor] . . . has 5 Sons & 5 Daughters.





- Mar. 26, Wednesday. [At New York.] Last evening I went with Mr. P. L. Mills to his house 4 miles out of Town, on the East River, & returned this morning with him & his wife & youngest child, 4 months old, Caroline H. Mills. His other Daughter, Julia, 4 years old next July.
- Mar. 27, Thursday. Spent the evening at Mr. Henry Laverty's, N. 247 Broadway. He has 6 Children, one Daughter by his first Wife & 2 Daughters, Amelia & Esther Ann, & 3 sons by his last wife. His daughters both sung & played on the Harp & Piano in a very superior style. . . . Judge Hurtell played on the Violin. He is brother to Mr. Laverty's last Wife, & she is not living.
- Apr. 15, Tuesday. I stoped at the North Burying Ground [East Windsor] & Saw that Elizabeth Drake, wife of David, died Nov. 23, 1783, in the 66th year of her age; Aaron Grant died Jan. 31, 1804, in the 81st year of his age; and Moses Wells died Jan. 10, 1800, in the 75th year of his age.
- May 2, Friday. [At East Windsor.] Mrs. Day introduced me to Simon Backus Bissell, Jr. He appears very well & about 20 years old.
- May 4, Sunday. Heard Mr. Hawes. Mr. R. Terry had a Child Christened John Taylor, & Mr. S. Terry one Christened Elizabeth Grew. Mr. A. M. Collins, Mr. Spencer, & Mr. T. D. Boardman each had a Child Christened.
- May 12, Monday. Mr. [George] Prior has 4 Sons & one Daughter.
- May 13, Tuesday. Mr. Geo Prior informed me that he was 46 years old last March, & that his Wife was 46 years old last July.
- May 20, Tuesday. Attended the Funeral of Doctr. Parsons at Wethersfield.
- June 8, Sunday. Rev'd Shubael Bartlett informed me yesterday that he had Seven Sons & two Daughters and that his oldest son entered College last September.
- June 25, Wednesday. Mr. B. W. Birge was Married this Morning & brought home his Bride from Norwich.
- June 26, Thursday. We attended Mrs. & Mr. N. Terry's Party. Their Son, Edward, was Married to Miss Pollock, Tuesday. It was the largest and most splendid Party that I ever attended.
- July 25, Friday. Mr. Thomas Foster call'd. His son, Thomas, Jr., Resides in Hancock, Georgia; . . . says he will be 49 years old in 30 days, that his Father [Thomas, of East Windsor] will be 86 Aug. 5, 1823, that he has five Children, Martha, Wm., John, Laura, & Abner. Wm. is 16 years old. Mr. T. Foster . . . said his Son Abner was dead, that he had lost two Daughters & one Son, & had three Sons & three Daughters living.
- Aug. 2, Saturday. Attended the Funeral of Mr. Barzillia Hudson. He died in the 82 year of his age.
- Aug. 11, Monday. Daniel L. Sisson informed me that he lived  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Hartford City, West, that he has a Wife and four Children.
- Aug. 12, Tuesday. We call'd to see Mrs. Hillyer. She gave us a particular account of her Son Wheaton's sickness & Death. He died with the measles at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years of age.
- Aug. 16, Saturday. Maj. Ebenr. Clark & his Wife took Tea with us yesterday. He has a Sister that married Ebenr. Allen's Son of E[ast] W[indsor].
- Sept. 5, Friday. Mr. E. Terry's youngest Child died last night about 12 O. C., — 14 months old, Lydia Coit Terry.
- Sept. 13, Saturday. [At Boston.] I call'd on Mr. Freeman of the Firm F. & Cobb, & took Coffee with him. He is no better. His horse fell & threw him, his Wife, & Child from the Chaise near Northampton. . . . I saw Mr. Flint, Brother of J. Flint of E[ast] W[indsor]. He lives in Charlesto[w(?)]. Mr. John Tappan informed me yesterday that he had lost his youngest Son, 6 mos. old.





In giving references in this article the following abbreviations are used: *M. D.* for Middlesex Deeds, *M. P.* for Middlesex Probate Records, *W. D.* for Worcester Deeds, and *W. P.* for Worcester Probate Records. The Lancaster records cited have been printed in Nourse's "The Birth, Marriage and Death Register . . . of Lancaster," which contains also church and cemetery records.

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> HOUGHTON, of Lancaster, born probably in England, died 29 Apr. 1684 (gravestone at Lancaster). He married BEATRIX ———, who, with seven children, survived him.\*

Nothing definite is known of the antecedents of John Houghton. It has been said that he was a cousin of Ralph Houghton, the first town clerk of Lancaster,† but no verification of this relationship has ever been offered. It has also been said that he came to this country in the *Abigail* in 1635, aged 4 years, with a certificate from two justices and the minister of Eaton Bray, co. Bedford, England (Savage, *Genealogical Dictionary*, vol. 2, p. 469; cf. Pope, *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, p. 241). The passenger list of this ship contains an entry which reads, according to Hotten, "Jo<sup>n</sup> Houghton 4 yers old," and, according to Drake, "Jo<sup>n</sup> Houghton 4 yers old." Savage seems to doubt the accuracy of this entry, as far as the age is concerned; and, according to information received from Eaton Bray,‡ there are but two John Houghtons recorded in the parish registers who could have sailed in the *Abigail*, one being a married man who was 42 years old and had ten children, and the other, aged 11 years, being a son of the former. Probably the emigrant in the *Abigail* was the elder of these two, and the customs officials made an error, writing "4" instead of "42." But, at any rate, it is certain that the emigrant in the *Abigail* was not identical with John Houghton of Lancaster. Whether this emigrant of 1635 returned to England, as has been stated, is not known. If he left a wife and ten children there, his return is entirely probable. His son John, baptized 24 Dec. 1624, may have come to America, but no record of his sailing has been found. It has been stated that John Houghton of Lancaster married his wife, Beatrix, in England, and that his eldest son, John, was born there; but this is mere conjecture, and proof for any of these assertions is lacking.

John Houghton seems to have been early in Dedham, but he must not be confused with the John Holton or Houghton who married Abigail Fisher in 1666/7. The Dedham records contain the births of two of his children, Robert and Mary. The latter was born 22 Mar. 1660/1, and it is likely that soon thereafter John Houghton removed to Lancaster, where he took a prominent part in the affairs

\*Wyman, in his *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*, states that Benjamin Bosworth of Hull married Beatrix Houghton, who died 8 Jan. 1711/12, æ. 89, and it has been supposed that she was the widow of John<sup>1</sup> Houghton. But Judge Samuel Sewall wrote in his *Diary*: "Sixth day Jan. 1711 Mrs. Benj. Bosworth is buried Aged 89 years. Her first husband's name was Joslin by whom she had her daughter," etc. Nourse, in his *Annals of Lancaster*, p. 321, gives this entry: "1671: 9, 16 Benj. Bosworth and widow Beatrice Joslin [married]." But in 1671 John<sup>1</sup> Houghton was living. There is, therefore, no evidence of the marriage of his widow.

†History of Lancaster, by Joseph Willard; *Worcester Magazine and Historical Journal*, vol. 2, p. 281 (September, 1826).

‡History and Genealogy of the Houghton Family, Halifax, N. S., 1896.





of the town. After the massacre he lived for a while in Charlestown, and his son "Jonathan" (doubtless an error for "Jonas") is mentioned in the records of the Charlestown selectmen. He returned eventually to Lancaster.

In his will, dated 8 Apr. 1684 and proved 17 June 1684, he bequeathed to his wife Beatrix and his children John, Robert, Jonas, Benjamin, Mary, and Sarah (M. P.). On 4 Apr. 1721, after the death of the widow, the estate was divided between John (the "eldest son"), Robert, and Jonas Houghton, John Harris (who had married Mary Houghton), and Beatrix Pope. No mention was made in this division of John Houghton's daughter Sarah, because her share in the estate had been conveyed to her brothers, John, Robert, and Jonas Houghton. Benjamin Houghton's share, "had he survived," was divided among the other children; and it is therefore clear that Benjamin had died s.p. before 1721. (M. P., vol. 16, p. 264.)

Children:

2. i. JOHN,<sup>2</sup> b. about 1650.
3. ii. ROBERT, b. 28, 1 mo. 1659 (Dedham records).
- iii. MARY, b. 22 Mar. 1660/1 (Dedham records); m. JOHN HARRIS. She appears to have had two children, *Benjamin* and *Mary*.\*
4. iv. JONAS, b. about Apr. 1663 (gravestone at Lancaster).
- v. BEATRIX, b. 3, 10 mo. 1665 (Lancaster records); m. 30 Sept. 1683 JOHN POPE. They had a daughter *Susannah*, b. 7 Oct. 1684 (*ib.*), who m. Thomas Wilder and had many children, a daughter *Margaret*, and probably other children.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. 25 May 1668 (Lancaster records); d. s.p. before 1721 (*vide supra*).
- vii. SARAH, b. 30, 5 mo. 1672 (Lancaster records); d. before 1733; m. DANIEL GOBLE of Lancaster, who removed to Hannover, N. J. Five sons and two daughters.†

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup> HOUGHTON (*John*<sup>1</sup>), of Lancaster, born about 1650, died 3 Feb. 1736/7, in his 87th year (gravestone at Lancaster).‡ He married first, 22, 11 mo. 1671, MARY FARRAR, who died 9 (or 7, according to her gravestone) Apr. 1724, in her 76th year; and secondly, 27 Jan. 1724/5, MRS. HANNAH (ATHERTON) WILDER, who survived him and died 4 Jan. 1737/8, daughter of James and Hannah Atherton and widow of John Wilder. (Lancaster records.)

This John Houghton was a noted figure in the history of Lancaster, where he was known as "Esquire" or "Justice" and served the town repeatedly as moderator, selectman, assessor, schoolmaster, representative to the General Court, town clerk, and clerk of the writs.

\*In an instrument dated 19 Aug. 1740, recorded in W. D., lib. 12, p. 504, is a recital that Benjamin Harris and Mary, wife of Philip Larkin, were heirs to land "left to them by heirship by their late honored mother Mary Harris descending to her from their late honored grandfather, John Houghton late, of Lancaster, deceased."

†They had Daniel, Robert, Jemima, Thomas, Jonas, Ephraim, and Allis, who convey "as heirs to real estate of our late honored mother, Sarah Goble, alias Sarah Houghton by our honored grandfather John Houghton deceased." (W. D., lib. 7, p. 259, lib. 9, p. 67, lib. 6, p. 486.) Some of the John Houghton estate was sold to John,<sup>2</sup> Robert,<sup>2</sup> and Jonas<sup>2</sup> Houghton, 17 Jan. 1694/5. Sarah Goble was then living, but she was dead before 1733.

‡Cf. also the *Boston Evening Post* of 14 Feb. 1736/7.





## Children by first wife:

- i. LIEUT. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. at Lancaster 13, 12 mo. 1672; m. (1) at Concord, 20 Nov. 1698, MRS. MARY GOSS, widow of Philip Goss (Concord records); m. (2) at Lancaster, 7 Jan. 1719/20, SARAH GULLIVER, b. at Milton 26 Oct. 1691 (Milton records). Administration on his estate was granted to his widow, Sarah, in 1724. The inventory of the estate amounted to £781. He left two children, who are mentioned, in a deed given by John<sup>2</sup> Houghton (2) in 1729 (W. D., lib. 9, p. 169), as children and heirs of his (the grantor's) eldest son.

## Children by second wife:

1. *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 12 Feb. 1720/1; probably m. Caleb Trowbridge.
  2. *Sarah*, bapt. 10 Mar. 1722/3; unm. in 1743 (W. D., lib. 17, p. 224); probably m. 3 July 1744 Thomas Lawrence of Groton (Groton records).
5. ii. JACOB, b. at Lancaster 17, 2 mo. 1674.
- iii. HENRY, b. 23 Feb. 1676 (Woburn records); d. 17 Dec. 1756, aged 80 years, 9 months (gravestone at Bolton); m. (1) ABIGAIL BARON (Watertown records), b. 30, 5 mo. 1680, d. in 1711, aged 31 (gravestone); m. (2) ANNA ———, b. in 1681, d. 14 Feb. 1747/8, aged 66 (gravestone at Bolton).

## Children by first wife:

1. *Henry*,<sup>4</sup> b. in 1701 (Watertown records); d. in 1702, aged 1 year, 6 months (gravestone at Lancaster).
2. *Henry*, b. in 1704.
3. *A son*, d. in 1708, aged 6 weeks (gravestone at Lancaster).
4. *Abigail*, bapt. in 1708 (W. D., lib. 39, p. 449).
5. *Hazariah*, b. 24, 4 mo. 1709; d. in 1711, aged 2 years, 2 months (gravestone at Lancaster).

## Children by second wife:

6. *Anna*, b. in 1713 or 1714 (W. D., lib. 45, p. 243).
  7. *Sanderson*, b. in 1716 (W. D., lib. 39, p. 188).
  8. *Mercy*, b. in 1718.
  9. *Joseph* (W. D., lib. 39, p. 189).
  10. *Hepsibah* (W. D., lib. 37, p. 567).
  11. *Abiah*, b. 21 Mar. 1725/6; d. 23 Nov. 1774.
- iv. JOSEPH (twin), b. 26 Feb. 1678 (Woburn records); d. before Nov. 1718, when his children were baptized (Lancaster records); m. his first cousin, ISABELL HOUGHTON (3, iv), b. 6 June 1687, *q.v.* The account of his widow, as administratrix of his estate, 7 May 1726 (M. P.), charges £40 for "bringing up of ye children and tendance of five children in times of sickness and for funeral charges for two of said children deceased in time of said sickness." In 1728 distribution of his estate was granted in Middlesex County, his widow (who had married again) receiving one-third and his three living children two-thirds of the property.

## Children:

1. *Joseph*.<sup>4</sup>
  2. *Elizabeth*.
  3. *Anna*, m. 21 Nov. 1728 Shubael Bayley (Lancaster records; W. D., lib. 35, p. 239, anno 1751).
  4. *Sarah*, aged 16 in 1728.
  5. *Benjamin*, aged 12 in 1728.
- v. BENJAMIN (twin), b. 26 Feb. 1678 (Woburn records); d. *s.p.* before 1746. In the division of the estate of his brother, William<sup>3</sup> Houghton, in 1746, no mention was made of Benjamin, although every other brother and sister and the heirs of deceased brothers and sisters were included in the distribution. No conveyance by Benjamin of his share is recorded, and the division was in equal parts. It is therefore fairly certain that Benjamin had died *s.p.* before 1746.





- vi. MARY, b. 7 Feb. 1680 (Woburn records); d. 1 Apr. 1752 (Bolton records); m. WILLIAM SAWYER (W. D., lib. 3, p. 126), who d. 3 Feb. 1740/1 (gravestone at Bolton).

Children (surname *Sawyer*):

1. *Aholiab*,
  2. *Mary*,
  3. *Annah*,
  4. *Hepzibah*,
- } bapt. 1 July 1711.
5. *William*, bapt. 18 Nov. 1711.
  6. *Josiah*, b. 13 Aug. 1714 (Lancaster records).
  7. *Thankful*, bapt. 7 Apr. 1717.
  8. *Martha*, bapt. 5 July 1719.
  9. *David*, bapt. 27 Aug. 1721.
  10. *Abigail*, bapt. 23 Aug. 1724.

- vii. MERCY, b. 15 Mar. 1682 (Woburn records); d. 7 Jan. 1733/4 (Lancaster records); m. EBENEZER WILDER, b. 23 June 1683, d. 25, 12 mo. 1745, in his 65th year (gravestone at Lancaster; W. D., lib. 9, pp. 161, 162, 164).

Children (surname *Wilder*), mentioned in their father's will (W. P., 1746):

1. *Benjamin*, bapt. 22 Apr. 1711.
2. *Hepsibah*, bapt. 1 Jan. 1712; m. Jonathan Wilson.
3. *David*, bapt. 27 Jan. 1714.
4. *Jacob*, bapt. 1 Sept. 1717; probably d. before his father.

- viii. ANNA, b. 7 May 1684 (Lancaster records); d. 3 Apr. 1751, in her 67th year (gravestone at Lancaster); m. JOHN PRIEST (W. D., lib. 4, p. 467), who d. 29 Sept. 1756 (gravestone at Lancaster).

Children (surname *Priest*):

1. *Abigail*, d. 25 Sept. 1723, in her 17th year (gravestone at Lancaster).
2. *Annah*, bapt. 12 Sept. 1708.
3. *Mary*, bapt. 12 Sept. 1708.
4. *Damaris*, bapt. 21 Apr. 1710.
5. *Rachael*, bapt. 20 Dec. 1713.
6. *Hepzibah*, bapt. 8 Apr. 1716.
7. *Jonathan*, bapt. 9 Nov. 1718; probably d. young.
8. *Mariah*, bapt. 30 July 1721.
9. *Jonathan*, d. 23 Apr. 1738, aged 12 years, 7 months (gravestone at Lancaster).

- ix. JONATHAN, b. 20 Feb. 1685 (Lancaster records); d. 8 Apr. 1737; m. 6 Nov. 1712 THANKFUL WHITE (*ib.*), b. 27 Mar. 1689, daughter of Josiah and Mary (or Keziah) White (*ib.*; W. D., lib. 4, p. 37).

Children (from Lancaster records):

1. *Thankful*,<sup>4</sup> b. 3 Mar. 1713/14; m. 12 July 1733 Simon Whitcomb.
2. *Mary*, b. 19 Sept. 1715; m. Nathaniel Sawyer.
3. *Keziah*, b. 31 May 1717.
4. *Jonathan*, b. 28 Mar. 1719; m. in 1746 Sarah Houghton.
5. *Azibah*, b. 20 Nov. 1720; m. Isaiah Whitcomb.
6. *Pyrha*, b. 17 Aug. 1721.
7. *Rufus*, b. 9 Nov. 1722.
8. *Achra*, b. 16 Jan. 1724/5.
9. *Ephah*, b. 26 June 1727; d. 27 Sept. 1729.
10. *Zerish*, b. 18 Feb. 1728/9.

- x. HEPSIBETH (or HEPHIZIBAH), "youngest daughter" (W. D., lib. 2, p. 536), m. as early as 1715 JOSEPH BRABROOK (*ib.*, lib. 9, p. 167).

Children (surname *Brabrook*):

1. *John*, bapt. 7 Apr. 1717 (Lancaster records).
2. *Joseph*, bapt. 7 Apr. 1717 (Lancaster records).
3. *Bethesda*, b. 11 Nov. 1718 (Brookfield records).

- xi. WILLIAM, b. 26 Apr. 1696 (gravestone at Lancaster); d. s.p. 15 July 1743, aged 48 years; m. 4 June 1724 EXPERIENCE HOUGHTON, a descendant of Ralph Houghton. In 1746 his estate was divided among his brothers and sisters and their issue (W. P.).





3. ROBERT<sup>2</sup> HOUGHTON (*John*<sup>1</sup>), born 28, 1 mo. 1659 (Dedham records), died 7 Nov. 1723, in his 65th year (gravestone at Lancaster). He married ESTHER ———, who died 13 Jan. 1740/1, in her 82d year. She was probably Esther Lippenwell, who was born in May 1658, daughter of Michael and Isabel Lippenwell. From the will of Robert Houghton (M. P.), the settlement of his estate (*ib.*), and the records of various towns his children appear to have been as given below.

Children (order of births uncertain):

- i. ISABEL,<sup>3</sup> b. 6 Aug. 1682 (Woburn records); probably d. young.
- ii. HANNAH, b. 2 Nov. 1683 (Lancaster records); living unm. in 1727 (M. P.).
- iii. BEATRIX, b. 3 Sept. 1685 (Lancaster records).
- iv. ISABELL, b. 6 June 1687 (Lancaster records); m. (1) her first cousin, JOSEPH HOUGHTON (2, iv), *q.v.*; m. (2) 4 Aug. 1726 SAMUEL ROGERS.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. 18 Apr. 1689 (Lancaster records); d. 20 Nov. 1753, aged 65 years, 7 months, 13 days; m. 14 May 1719 AMOS SAWYER, who d. in 1768. (Gravestones.)

Children (surname Sawyer):

1. Esther, d. 20 Apr. 1720.
2. Abigail, b. 24 Apr. 1721.
3. Amos, b. 1 Dec. 1724; probably d. young.
4. Deborah, b. 25 Apr. 1727.
5. David, b. 29 Mar. 1729.
6. Amos, b. 30 Sept. 1733.
- vi. ELEAZER, b. in 1691 (Lancaster records); m. 11 Mar. 1718/19 ELIZABETH DIVOLL, daughter of William Divoll (W. D., lib. 1, p. 173). They lived in Lunenburg.

Children:

1. Robert,<sup>4</sup> b. 12 Apr. 1720; d. 7 Aug. 1740 (Lancaster records).
2. Lois, b. 22 July 1722 (Lancaster records).
3. Derias, b. 20 Jan. 1723/4 (W. D., lib. 103, p. 101).
4. Miriam, b. 22 Feb. 1725/6.
5. Elizabeth,
6. Ruth,
7. Esther,
8. Eleazer (W. D., lib. 61, p. 124),

} mentioned in the White Genealogy.

- vii. ROBERT, perhaps b. about 1692; d. in 1718; m. DEBORAH WILDER, b. in 1692, d. 7 Nov. 1763, in her 72d year (gravestone at Groton), daughter of John and Hannah (Atherton) Wilder. Hannah (Atherton) Wilder married (2), as his second wife, John<sup>2</sup> Houghton (2), uncle of her daughter Deborah's husband; and Deborah (Wilder) Houghton married (2) 30 Nov. 1720 John Longley of Groton. The Middlesex Probate Records mention four children, of whom three were entrusted in 1727 to the guardianship of John Longley.

Children:

1. Robert,<sup>4</sup> oldest son, deceased in 1727.
2. Esther, fifteen years old in 1727.
3. Ebenezer, thirteen years old in 1727.
4. Deborah, ten years old in 1727.
- viii. JOSHUA, b. in 1695 (Lancaster records); d. before 1775, when his will was proved at Worcester; m. 8 Apr. 1719 ELIZABETH BENNITT.

Children:

1. Jerusha,<sup>4</sup> b. 6 Jan. 1719/20; m. Nathaniel Bixby.
2. Joshua, b. and d. 6 June 1721.
3. Saul, b. 6 June 1722; m. Mary Matthews of Framingham.
4. Orpha, b. 6 Nov. 1724; m. (1) Josiah Cutting; m. (2) Aaron Glazer.





5. *Vastil*, b. 7 May 1727; m. Jonathan Prescott.
  6. *Solomon*, b. 5 July 1729 (W. D., lib. 45, p. 561); m. Deliverance Ross.
  7. *Tiras*, b. 16 Apr. 1732 (W. D., lib. 47, p. 28); d. before 1763 (*ib.*, lib. 50, p. 208); m. Rachel House.
  8. *Hiram*, b. 6 Jan. 1735.
  - ix. GERSHOM, perhaps b. about 1697; d. 3 Apr. 1757 (Leominster records); m. 23 Feb. 1724/5 ELIZABETH RUGG (Lancaster records). His will mentions his wife Elizabeth and two children.  
Children, recorded at Lancaster:
    1. *Abiathar*,<sup>4</sup> b. 21 Jan. 1725/6.
    2. *Tamar*, b. 5 Dec. 1733.
  - x. THOMAS, perhaps b. about 1699; m. 22 Nov. 1722 JOANNAH JOSLIN.  
Children:
    1. *Peter*,<sup>4</sup> b. 11, 1 mo. 1723/4 (Lancaster records).
    2. *Joannah*, b. 6, 4 mo. 1726.
    3. *Tabitha*, b. 14, 3 mo. 1727/8.
    4. *Esther*, b. 26, 3 mo. 1729.
    5. *Dorothy*, b. 9, 11 mo. 1732.
    6. *Oliver*, b. 17, 3 mo. 1733/4.
    7. *Damaris*, b. 28, 5 mo. 1737.
    8. *Rebeckah*, b. 18, 9 mo. 1739.
  - xi. EBENEZER, b. in 1700 (gravestone at Lancaster); d. 13 Oct. 1723 (*ib.*); m. 23 Mar. 1720/1 MARY PRIEST.  
Child:
    1. *Cyrus*,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 1 Sept. 1723; committed to the guardianship of John Priest 19 Apr. 1728 (M. P., vol. 17, p. 532; cf. also W. D., lib. 9, p. 428).
  - xii. MARY, b. about 1702; d., probably s.p., 23 Oct. 1726, in her 25th year (gravestone at Lancaster); m. DANIEL ALBERT.
  - xiii. RACHAEL, bapt. 30 Nov. 1718; no record of her marriage or death.
4. JONAS<sup>2</sup> HOUGHTON (*John*<sup>1</sup>), born about Apr. 1663 (gravestone at Lancaster), died 20 Sept. 1723, aged 60 years, 5 months (*ib.*). He married first, 15 Feb. 1681, MARY BERBEANE of Woburn, who died 31 Dec. 1720, in her 60th year (*ib.*); and secondly, as is to be inferred from the settlement of his estate (M. P.), SARAH ———.
- Children by first wife:
- i. CAPT. JONAS,<sup>3</sup> surveyor, b. 2, 7 mo. 1682; d. 15 Aug. 1739, in his 57th year (gravestone); m. 30, 6 mo. 1710 MARY BRIGHAM (Marlborough records). Administration was granted on his estate in 1739 (W. P.).  
Children:
    1. *Dinah*,<sup>4</sup> b. 19 Apr. 1711; d. 13 Sept. 1723, aged 12 years, 5 months (gravestone at Lancaster).
    2. *Silas*, b. 26 Oct. 1713.
    3. *Betty*, b. 20 Mar. 1715/16; m. Paul Welch (W. D., lib. 32, p. 548).
    4. *Mary*, b. 8 Mar. 1720/1; m. Moses Bayley.
    5. *Prudence*, b. 21 Oct. 1723; m. Samuel Snow (Bolton records).
    6. *Persis*, b. 31 July 1726; m. James Snow, Jr. (Bolton records).
    7. *Jonas*, "second son," b. 21 Apr. 1728; m. (1) Rebecca Nichols; m. (2) Lucy Johnson.
    8. *John*, "youngest son," b. 13 Feb. 1730/1; m. Keziah Ross (Bolton records).
  - ii. MARY, m. GAMALIEL BEAMAN, b. 29 Feb. 1684 (M. P.); d. 26 Oct. 1745, in his 61st year (gravestone), son of John and Priscilla Beaman.  
Children (surname *Beaman*):
    1. *Dinah*, b. 20 Sept. 1728.
    2. *Zerviah*, bapt. 10 Aug. 1740.
    3. *Lois*, bapt. 10 Aug. 1740.





- iii. SARAH, m. at Charlestown, 7 July 1708, FRANCIS RICHARDSON, son of Stephen and Abigail (Wyman) Richardson.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. in 1691 (gravestone at Lancaster); d. 28 Feb. 1764, leaving a considerable estate (W. P.); m. 28 July 1720 ZERVIAH MOORE (Lancaster records). He lived in the West Precinct of Lancaster (now Sterling), where he was known as "Landlord Ben."\*  
 Children:
  - 1. Zerviah,<sup>4</sup> b. 26 May 1721; m. Jonathan Wilder.
  - 2. Mindwell, b. 7 Mar. 1722/3; m. John Crossley.
  - 3. Michal, b. 22 Jan. 1725; m. Ephraim Roper.
  - 4. Dinah, b. 8 Apr. 1727; m. Ezra Houghton.
  - 5. Keziah, b. 29 Mar. 1729; m. Ebenezer Buss.
  - 6. Benjamin, called "3d," b. 17 Nov. 1732; d. in 1759.
  - 7. Abigail, b. 27 July 1735; m. Ephraim Osgood.
  - 8. Joel, b. 27 Sept. 1737, "oldest son surviving" (W. P.).
  - 9. Eunice, b. 15 Oct. 1739; m. Jonathan Bailey.
- v. DANIEL, m. LYDIA ———.  
 Children:
  - 1. Simeon,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 10 Aug. 1718; dwelt in Petersham (W. D.).
  - 2. Thaddeus, bapt. 10 Aug. 1718.
  - 3. Annis, bapt. 23 Nov. 1718; d. 3 Apr. 1759; m. 26 May 1749, Jonathan Harris. She left three children (W. D.).
  - 4. Nathaniel, bapt. 25 Sept. 1720.
  - 5. Susannah, bapt. 17 Jan. 1722/3.
  - 6. Jerusha, bapt. 14 May 1724/5.
  - 7. Molle, bapt. 19 Feb. 1726/7.
  - 8. Experience, bapt. 24 Nov. 1728.
  - 9. Daniel, bapt. 19 Sept. 1731.
- vi. EUNICE, b. 1 Mar. 1696; d. 24 June 1748, aged 52 years, 3 months, 24 days (gravestone at Lancaster); m. EPHRAIM SAWYER.  
 Children (surname Sawyer):
  - 1. Mary, bapt. 26 Apr. 1724.
  - 2. Katherine, bapt. 16 July 1727.
  - 3. Ephraim, bapt. 20 Apr. 1728/9.
- vii. JOSIAH, b. in 1698; d. 29 Sept. 1723, aged 24 years, 11 months (gravestone at Lancaster); m. MEHITABLE ———. The guardianship of his son Josiah,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 4 Apr. 1725, was given to his widow (M. P.).
- viii. RUTH, m. 2 Mar. 1721/2 RICHARD WILDS (sometimes called WILLS).  
 Children (surname Wilds):
  - 1. Jonas, bapt. 27 Jan. 1722/3.
  - 2. John, bapt. 15 Nov. 1724; d. 24 Apr. 1737.
  - 3. Barnard, bapt. 20 Mar. 1725/6.
  - 4. Silent, bapt. 21 Apr. 1728.
  - 5. Susanna, b. 27 July 1730.
  - 6. Margaret, bapt. 18 Mar. 1732/3.
  - 7. David, bapt. 2 Nov. 1735.
  - 8. Ruth, bapt. 13 Apr. 1740.
- ix. STEPHEN, m. ABIGAIL ———. His will (M. P.), in 1763, divided his estate between his widow and his daughter Abigail.  
 Children (Bolton records):
  - 1. Abigail,<sup>4</sup> b. 14 Jan. 1726/7.
  - 2. Ebenezer, b. 4 July 1728; d. 14 Feb. 1732/3.
- x. JAMES, m. 8 Oct. 1724 MARY JONES of Concord (Concord records). In his will (W. P.) he mentions all the children given below except John and Cate.  
 Children (Lancaster records):
  - 1. Mary,<sup>4</sup> b. 2 Aug. 1726.
  - 2. Cylence, b. 2 Dec. 1727.
  - 3. Nathaniel, b. 5 Sept. 1729.

\*For proof that this Benjamin was son of Jonas, see W. D., lib. 10, p. 135, in which he grants land to his brother-in-law, Gamaliel Beaman. See also M. D., lib. 26, p. 79.





4. *John*, b. 13 Feb. 1730/1.
5. *Ammite*, b. 14 Nov. 1731.
6. *James*, b. 3 Dec. 1733.
7. *Cate*, b. 29 Nov. 1735.
8. *Tamer*, b. 27 Sept. 1737.
9. *Louisah*, b. 2 Jan. 1739.
- xi. DORCAS, m. 11 Jan. 1725 EBENEZER POLLY.  
Children (surname *Polly*):
  1. *Ebenezer*, b. 24 Oct. 1726.
  2. *Joseph*, b. 3 Sept. 1728.
  3. *Mary*, b. 27 Nov. 1731.
- xii. JEMIMA, m. 14 Feb. 1724/5 SAMUEL CARTER.  
Children (surname *Carter*):
  1. *Millisant*, b. 29 Aug. 1726; m. 3 July 1750 Abiather Houghton of Leominster.
  2. *Lucy*, b. 18 Aug. 1727.
  3. *Dorothy*, b. 21 Jan. 1729.
  4. *Mary*, b. 17 Feb. 1730/1.
  5. *Dinah*, b. 1 Feb. 1734/5.
  6. *Samuel*, b. 7 Jan. 1736/7.
  7. *Stanton*, b. 15 Feb. 1738/9.
  8. *Silas*, b. 15 Jan. 1740.
  9. *Prudence*, b. 15 Apr. 1743.
  10. *Jonas*, b. 4 July 1745.
  11. *Jemima*, b. 15 Sept. 1747; m. in 1768 David Nims, Jr.

5. JACOB<sup>3</sup> HOUGHTON (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*<sup>1</sup>), born at Lancaster 17, 2 mo. 1674 (Lancaster records), died 12 July 1750, in his 77th year (Bolton records). He married REBECCA WHITCOMB, who died 22 Oct. 1752, aged 80 years, 10 months, 29 days (gravestone at Lancaster), daughter of Josiah and Rebecca (Waters) Whitcomb.

He was the first town clerk of Bolton and the administrator of his father's estate.

Children, named in the division of his estate (W. P.):

- i. JACOB,<sup>4</sup> b. 4 Nov. 1696.
- ii. BENJAMIN, "second son," "called Jr.," b. in 1700 (Lancaster records); m. 20 July 1720 RUTH WHEELOCK (*ib.*; cf. also W. D., lib. 43, p. 200), who d. 2 Mar. 1762, aged 61 (Lancaster records), daughter of Joseph (whose will is in W. P.) and Elizabeth Wheelock of Lancaster.  
Children:
  1. *Ezra*,<sup>5</sup> b. 2 July 1722.
  2. *Abijah*, b. 23 Sept. 1723.
  3. *Relief*, b. 23 Oct. 1726.
  4. *Elijah*, b. 16 June 1728.
  5. *Parnee*, b. 14 Apr. 1730.
  6. *Philemon*, b. 3 June 1731.
  7. *Nahum*, b. 1 Oct. 1732.
  8. *Ruth*, b. 3 Apr. 1734.
  9. *Lemuel*, b. 25 Sept. 1735.
  10. *Benjamin*, b. 10 May 1740.
  11. *Elizabeth*, b. 24 Oct. 1743.
- iii. ISRAEL, "third son."
- iv. JONATHAN, "fourth son," b. in 1703.
- v. JOHN, "youngest son," b. in 1712.
- vi. REBECCA, "oldest daughter," m. ——— Moor.
- vii. ABIGAIL, "second daughter," m. ——— Moor.





## EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF WILLIAM WATSON OF HARTFORD, CONN., 1819-1836

Communicated by Miss ELIZABETH ELLERY DANA of Cambridge, Mass.

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1825

- Jan. 3, Monday. Wm. W. Tudor [Mr. Watson's nephew] called & gave an account of Mr. John Pratt's death of Middletown. He died last Monday with an affection of the heart after about 36 hours illness.
- Jan. 7, Friday. Mr. [Samuel] Tudor said he attended the Funeral of Gen. Jenks' son [Charles W. Jenks of East Windsor] today. One man thought there was one Thousand People in the Church. A Sermon was Preached by the Rev. Bishop Brownell.
- Jan. 8, Saturday. Georgiana Barton informed me that she would be 15 years old the 5th day of April next.
- Jan. 12, Wednesday. [At East Windsor.] I called at Mr. Aaron Bissell's & saw him, his wife, & Maria. He gave me a particular history of his son Horace's two voyages to India. Call'd at Brother Henry's & Mr. Charlton's. Mr. C. mentioned that he called at George Newberry's to see Horace Bissell and had a long conversation with him after A. W. Newberry & Mr. Skinner were drowned.
- Jan. 21, Friday. Brother Henry . . . informed me that he had a son [Edmund] born last Saturday at 4 O.C. P.M.
- Jan. 28, Friday. We rode to Wethersfield. Miss Lydia [Marsh]\* shewed us a ring, Handk., & Ruff that was Miss Mary Hooker's & a Note from Mrs. Packard, her sister, requesting her to accept them.
- Feb. 15, Tuesday. Walked to see Doctr. Flint, who is confined to his bed at Mrs. Elijah Terry's. His daughter Amelia is with him from Utica.
- Feb. 26, Saturday. Mr. Sherman Boardman informed me that his brother Timothy died in New York of a fever, and was brought home yesterday. The funeral will be tomorrow.
- Mar. 2, Wednesday. Elisabeth attended Sarah A. Terry's [Mr. Watson's niece's] Anniversary of her birthday, 11 years old.
- Mar. 10, Thursday. Attended the Funeral of Rev. Abel Flint, D.D., sermon by Mr. Thomas Robbins. Born 1766, Graduated 1785, Ordained 1791, died Mar. 7, 1825, aged 59 years.
- Mar. 15, Tuesday. Mr. Clapp's Mother, Mrs. Strong, died to-day [at East Windsor].
- Mar. 19, Saturday. Mrs. Tudor [Mr. Watson's sister Mary, wife of Samuel Tudor of Hartford] said that Doctr. Hossack† had married Mrs. Coster, who had an income of 30 thousand dollars a year.
- Mar. 23, Wednesday. Mr. Tudor informed me that Mrs. Mary Austin was dead. Doctr. Comstock introduced Doctr. Weed to me & said he was relating two cases of Hydraphobia; they were his own children & both died, one about 9 years, the other about 19 months.
- Mar. 25, Friday. This day I am 52 years of age.
- Apr. 1, Friday. Public Fast. Heard Mr. Hawes [who said] . . . "Mr. Skinner of Berlin preached in Middletown last Sunday and died last night. I may now be preaching my last sermon, or you may be hearing

\*The Misses Ann, Abigail, and Lydia Marsh were sisters of Mrs. Watson.

†Dr. David Hosack, 1769-1835, a distinguished physician and scientist, born in New York, son of a Scotch officer, married, as his second wife, the widow of Henry Costar of New York.





your last Sermon." Returning from Church Mr. Harry Pratt informed me that Ichabod L. Skinner was in Washington with his Wife and Family & that two of his daughters were assisting him in an extensive Seminary of Learning.

Apr. 6, Wednesday. Met Mr. Thomas Foster in East Hartford. He informed us that he was 87 years old last August, and he was walking like a man of 50 and appeared like a man 50 or 60 years of age at a little distance.

Apr. 7, Thursday. I called to see Mr. Charlton & Mrs. Sam. May. She has 8 children, 4 sons & 4 daughters.

Apr. 10, Sunday. I called at Mrs. Sanford's in Church St. & saw Mr. Lewis Bliss & his sister Betsy.

Apr. 11, Monday. I went to E[ast] W[indsor] . . . returned by the way of Wapping and brought Rhoda Campbell to work for us. She is the daughter of Mr. John Bower; he died the 23d of Mar., aged 87 years. She was brought up by Doctr. Charles Mather and has been married twice, & has one son in his seventh year.

Apr. 13, Wednesday. I rode to East Windsor . . . and called at Mrs. Jane Trumbull's. She gave us an account of her husband's great distress of mind. . . . He died last October with a fever.

Apr. 23, Saturday. Mrs. Sigourney said her mother [Mrs. Huntley] was better & went to Ashford last Tuesday to make a visit to her brother [Mr. Wentworth].

Apr. 27, Wednesday. E[ast] W[indsor.] Julia Watson [wife of Mr. Watson's brother Henry and daughter of Dr. Elijah Fitch Reed of East Windsor] got into her chaise with her Infant Son & [her son] Lewis. The horse started & ran against a tree. They all fell out of the Chaise, but were not hurt.

May 3, Tuesday. Mr. Stephen Dodge informed me yesterday that he has 4 children and his wife has one by her 1st Husband.

May 7, Saturday. Set out for E[ast] W[indsor]. Rode to Mrs. Jane Trumbull's. She has 9 children, the oldest, James Watson Trumbull, 21 years old, Fanny Harper, 19, Clarry [Clarissa], 17, Jane Seymour, 15, Harriet, 13, Asaph Marsh, 11, David Potwine, 10, Joseph Edward, 8, Sabra Russell, 6. . . . I stoped at the North Burying Ground. Stephen Heath died May 19, 1810, aged 60 years. John French died Feb. 17, 1810, aged 96 years. Clarissa Pelton died March 17, 1807, aged 21. Elihu Loomis died May 22, 1816, aged 58. Charles Gaylord died March 9, 1799, in the 79th year of his age. Ebenr. Watson\* died Dec. 19th, 1792, aged 87. Anne Watson\* died Oct. Sth, 1797, aged 84 years. Samuel Watson died Aug. 10, 1786, in the 76th year of his age.

May 10, Tuesday. Mr. George Catlin called at my store. He went to Philadelphia about 9 years ago & lives in Walnut Street, N. 153, corner of 5th Street. He has two Sons & three daughters & has only one child by his last wife, a son about 18 months old.

May 18, Wednesday. Mr. Silas Hibbard called yesterday & informed me that he married the Widow Woodward of Ashford a year ago last June. Mrs. Watson & myself rode to Wethersfield. . . . As I was returning by Mr. H. L. Ellsworth's, his son Edward, 7 years old, with the Politeness of a young Nobleman, invited me into his Father's House, as I had instructed him three Sundays in the S. School.†

\*Ebenezer and Anne (Trumbull) Watson were Mr. Watson's grandparents.

†Hon. Henry Leavitt Ellsworth was twin brother of Hon. William Wolcott Ellsworth (see entry of June 22, 1825, footnote) and married (1) Nancy Allen Goodrich. The polite boy was Edward Augustus, born in Apr. 1818.













